

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Japan's Future  
Trade Policy

THE elevation of Mr Ichiro Hatoyama from the leadership of a caretaker Cabinet to the full status of a Prime Minister endowed with a popular mandate betokens a new political era in Japan. It also sets the world guessing as to the future course of Japan in international affairs.

It is, for example, of more than passing interest that both Russia and the United States derive satisfaction from the result of the Japanese elections. Washington observers feel convinced that the emergence of Mr Hatoyama as Japan's political leader involves no weakening of ties with the United States. Moscow, through its radio and newspapers, remains equally satisfied that Japan will now begin to draw away from American influence and will be considerably more sympathetic towards the Communist nations.

TIME and events will most likely find the truth to lie somewhere between the two viewpoints. The Japanese Premier has avoided using the expression "co-existence," nevertheless his election platform concerning Japan's future international relations smacked very much of this latest type of political philosophy. In fact, Mr Hatoyama made the country fully aware of his predilections for this policy before the elections by making overtures to Russia aimed at normalising relations between the Soviet and Japan.

What now remains to be seen is how the Japanese Premier proposes to steer a course in international relations that will avoid giving offence to either East or West. The United States, in particular, will be sensitive to any action which has the appearance of drawing Japan away from the democracies. And she will watch even more closely, and probably with some apprehension, the new government's expressed determination to increase trade with Communist China.

Japan is not a signatory to the United Nations embargo on strategic commodities, but she has assumed moral obligations to respect the conditions of the embargo. Will Mr Hatoyama, in view of his popular mandate, consider he has been freed from previous undertakings and embark on an unrestricted trade programme with Peking? The consequences, in terms of Japan's relations with the United States, could be considerable.

THERE are no signs that America is prepared to support any move to lift the UN trade restrictions against China, and she would take a very poor view of any country with which she considers she has any sort of friendly alliance or affiliations, which did anything to undermine the effectiveness of the embargo.

Clearly Mr Hatoyama has to move carefully in giving effect to his proposals for expanded trade between Japan and China if he is to avoid upsetting American sympathy towards himself and his new government.

There is no difficulty for him in convincing the Western world of the necessity of Japan increasing her overseas trade, including that with Communist China. The important consideration is the form this expansion takes and whether it will involve the repudiation of agreements made with America relative to the United Nations embargo.

Clear Exposition By  
Eden At  
Kuala Lumpur  
PEACE & SECURITY



Sir Anthony Eden

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 2.

The basis of British policy in Asia was to help countries of Asia enjoy peace and security unmolested, Sir Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, said today.

He was speaking at Kuala Lumpur airport before he left by air for Rangoon. Sir Anthony said that was why Britain had joined SEATO.

This was purely a defensive action, he added. "But we are of course equally anxious to work together with Asian nations who do not happen to share our views about the need for collective defence arrangements."

Sir Anthony said: "We know that their interest in maintaining peace in this area is as real as our own. We constantly exchange views and information, in particular with the Asian members of the Commonwealth whether they belong to SEATO or not."

Wives Call  
Trooper  
"Hell Ship"

Complaints Over  
Trip From HK

Our Own Correspondent

London, Mar. 1.

Six hundred men of the King's Regiment (Liverpool) tonight sailed into their home port after three years in Korea and Hongkong.

As the troopship Empire Clyde neared the quayside they listened for the homecoming cheers of their relatives—but the rain-soaked landing stage was deserted except for a handful of Army officers, docks officials and a sprinkling of relatives. Many troops aboard protested when told the Army had banned their wives, sweethearts and other relatives from the landing stage.

And while the troops protested, angry wives of men aboard complained of conditions on the 10,000 miles voyage from Hongkong. They called it a "hell ship."

Scarlet Fever  
On Troopship

Liverpool, Mar. 2.

Seven children of servicemen returning to Britain from Hongkong contracted scarlet fever on the voyage. It was disclosed when the 10,000-ton troopship, Empire Clyde, arrived here last night.

These cases caused the closing of the ship's school, and the cancellation of the children's fancy dress ball. A ship's official described as "unfounded" complaints of overcrowding during the voyage which caused Mrs. Bessie Braddock, Labour MP, to table a question in the Commons.—Reuter.

It is believed questions will be asked in the Commons by Mrs. Bessie Braddock, MP for the Liverpool Exchange Division following a complaint that four women and three children were forced to share a cabin 12 feet square during the month-long trip.

Mrs. Joan Rainford, wife of Sgt. Ronald Rainford, wrote to Mrs. Braddock from Port Said complaining that despite cramped conditions, some cabins were empty for most of the voyage. Said Mrs. Rainford: "We complained to the OC troops but got no satisfaction. In the cabin were two other mothers with their children and the Chinese bride of a corporal." Mrs. Teresa Foster, wife of a Signals corporal, and her eight-month-old son were in the same cabin. Said Mrs. Foster: "Two nights out from Hongkong I could stand it no longer and took the babies out on to the open deck."

Other wives described conditions as "murderous" and "fit only for cattle." (Contd. on back page, Col. 3)

Demand For  
Release Of  
Americans  
Repeated

Washington, Mar. 1.

The State Department announced today that the United States had presented a new demand to Communist China for the release of 41 American civilians.

The action was taken at a meeting of American and Communist Chinese consular representatives at Geneva, the State Department said. The announcement said that since contacts between the United States and Communist Chinese representatives started last June at Geneva, 18 Americans, who had been imprisoned or otherwise denied permission to leave China, had been released.

NOT UNPRODUCTIVE The Department's press officer, Mr. Henry Strydom, said: "These negotiations have not been unproductive and we naturally hope more will be released."

The negotiations for the release of 15 United States airmen.

The meeting in Geneva lasted two hours and the exchanges were carried on in French. The State Department spokesman said: "The atmosphere of these meetings is correct."

"The representatives conduct themselves in a completely proper manner. They don't spit in each other's eyes or throw books."

He added that the United States requested the meeting and that it regarded the negotiations as continuing even though the Chinese representative had restated the Communist position, that no Americans were being "unjustly detained."—Reuter.

Imprisoned Students Strike Lima, Mar. 1. Fourteen University students who have been imprisoned here for nearly a year have gone on a hunger strike in an effort to force their release. It was reported today.

The students, who were arrested on undisclosed charges last March 31, sent letters to the University authorities and newspapers here, charging that their imprisonment was unjust.—United Press.

"We have always tried to base our policy towards China on a realistic view of her place in the world affairs."

"We have worked hard to restore normal relations with China. We have no wish to interfere in internal Chinese affairs. But there must be a two-way traffic in this respect."

Sir Anthony said it had been the aim of British policy in Asia to put an end to fighting wherever it had been going on. "For while fighting persists anywhere there is always the danger of the conflict spreading," he added.

"The consequences of this, whatever the size and whatever the country to which they belong, would be disastrous for us all."

A MAIN PURPOSE He said one of the main purposes which British policy towards China had been to help Asian countries raise their standards of living.

The British Commonwealth had made a memorable contribution by inaugurating the Colombo Plan in 1950. Sir Anthony said that Britain wanted to see steady progress along the road to self-government in Malaya.

The obstacles to this were terrorism and Communist infiltration and subversion.

Then a stable economy and administration had to be assured. Asked his opinion on proposals for a general amnesty for Communist terrorists in Malaya, Sir Anthony said: "That is not for me to pronounce upon, but I do think the generous surrender terms existing at present are sufficient."—Reuter.

3 Mild Tremors

Tokyo, Mar. 2.

Soon after a meteorologist's warning that Japan had suffered unusually few earthquakes lately, Tokyo this morning felt three. Two others had occurred during the early morning on Monday.

Today's quakes shook the capital, but not seriously, within eight minutes between 7.17 and 7.18 local time.

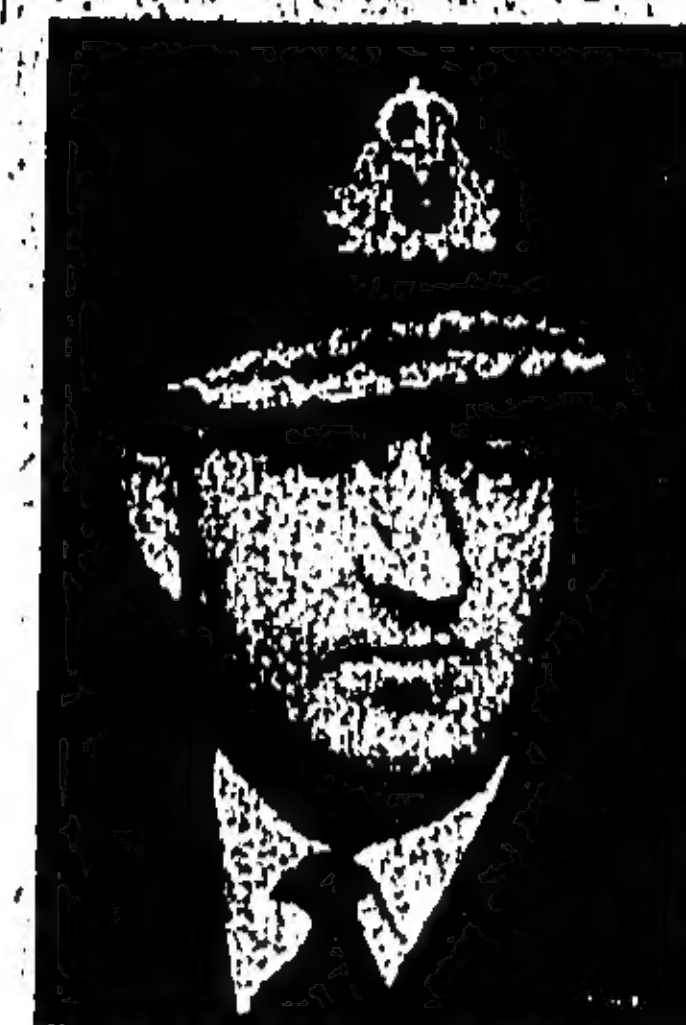
The epicentre was reported in Yamaguchi prefecture. No damage was reported.—Reuter.

Volcano Sequel

Paho Hawaii, Mar. 1. The civil defence authorities declared a state of emergency here today following the violent eruption of a volcano which had been inactive for 55 years.

So far, there have been no casualties, but 400 people had to abandon their homes, and the lava burnt up about 125 acres of sugar cane fields.—United Press.

Appointment



VICE-ADMIRAL G. V. GLADSTONE

Far East  
Naval Officer  
For NATO

London, Mar. 2.

The Ministry of Defence announced today that Vice-Admiral G. V. Gladstone is to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Edward M. Evans-Lombe in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation appointment of Commander, Allied Naval Forces, Northern Europe, about June 1 this year.

Until recently Admiral Gladstone was serving as Flag Officer, second in Command, Far East Station.—Reuter.

Radio-Active  
Lead Bricks  
Stolen

Paris, Mar. 1.

The theft of 200 radio-active lead bricks which had been used in the atomic pile at the Fort de Chailion, to the south of Paris, was announced here today.

Authoritative sources believed that the theft took place yesterday. The thieves were believed to have taken advantage of the lunch-hour break to knock an opening in the wall which surrounds the Fort and back a lorry up to it.

Entering the Fort, they then apparently took another lorry, into which they loaded these lead bricks, which have been under atomic radiation from the atomic pile.

The bricks were then thrown. It was thought, from one lorry to the other. This handling alone was an extreme danger to the thieves. A minute description of these bricks, together with an appeal to the thieves to come forward, was broadcast on the radio to-night.—France-Press.

Grandmothers  
Demonstrate

Calcutta, Mar. 1.

Grandmothers and mothers carrying children joined teenagers in a women's march on the West Bengal State Legislature today to demand jobs with equal wages.

There were about 3,000 women and children in the parade. They carried a memorandum demanding equal opportunities and wages with men. The youngest to sign the memorandum was 13, and the oldest 81.

The procession and memorandum were organised by the Pro-Communist National Federation of Indian Women and climaxed a six-week campaign.—France-Press.

DEBATE FIXED

Paris, Mar. 1.

The Senate's steering committee today fixed March 22 as the provisional date for the opening of the full debate on the ratification of the Paris Agreement. The agreement, which has been approved by the Lower House,...

THE FIFTH TEST AT SYDNEY  
Compton And Bailey  
Hit Out,  
Add 134 More Runs

Sydney, Mar. 2.

England continued to rattle up the runs in the Fifth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground today losing only two wickets—those of Denis Compton & Godfrey Evans—for the addition of 175 runs to their overnight score. After beginning quietly, Compton opened out after lunch and he carried his score to 84 before he was caught and bowled by Ian Johnson. England was then 330 for five.

Godfrey Evans, the England wicketkeeper joined Bailey and obviously gave him whispered instructions from Hutton to hit out for Bailey began an exhibition of high-powered batting which took the Australians by surprise.

When play resumed this morning the scoring rate fell from a run a minute as it was yesterday to a run every two minutes. England, 190 for four wickets overnight, had to battle for runs against an accurate bowling attack by the Australians.

The weather was described as quite cloudy but the ground was said to have dried out splendidly. The first 100 minutes play this morning produced only 48 runs of which Compton had made 21 and Bailey 27.

The 200 came up in 136 minutes but it took Compton and Bailey 107 minutes to add the next 50.

Ian Johnson tried to upset the batsmen right from the start by making quick changes in the bowling, and in the pre-lunch play he tried Bernard, Miller, Lindwall and Davidson and himself in an attempt to break the partnership.

EXCITING SPELLS Against this attack, Compton and Bailey did not try to force the pace and after 40 minutes play they had added only 29 to bring the England total to 225.

The morning had its exciting spells however. When Bailey was 24, he lashed out at a well pitched ball from Bernard, missed it and both Maddocks, the wicket-keeper and Burgo in slip dived for the lofted ball. Both missed and the batsmen ran three to bring up the 50 partnership.

After lunch the two batsmen appeared to be opening up when Bailey swept a ball from Davidson to the fence for four. A few balls later, Compton turned a ball from Bernard to the long-on boundary.

QUIET SPELL

Compton then took another four off Davidson when he drove a loose ball past Lindwall in the covers to the boundary. He followed this up with a shot into the gully for two to bring up his 50.

A quiet spell followed during which both Bailey and Compton were content to run singles. In Davidson's next over, however, both Compton and Bailey ran three each.

Bennard resumed the bowling with the score at 296. And then Compton opened out and hit every ball vigorously. Compton hit four fours and a two to take his own score to 78 and the England score to 314.

Then, trying to drive the last ball of the over for another boundary, he lost his feet and fell, rolling right outside the crease. Bennard ran desperately to field the ball in attempt to stump Compton but the batsman regained his crease safely, beaming broadly at his lucky escape.

Lindwall bowled a maiden over in his first over of the afternoon.

STRONG SHOTS And in Johnson's next over the batsmen only managed to take a single from it. Compton hit a number of strong shots but was just failing to penetrate the field.

Compton then took a three off Lindwall to take his score to 84.

In the next over, disaster struck Compton, misplayed a shot from Ian Johnson and sent back a catch for the bowler to take. Evans then joined Bailey. Bailey took a single off Johnson to bring up his 50 in 178 minutes and the England score to 335 for five wickets.

Two balls later Bailey hit a four off Johnson and in Johnson's next over Bailey hit another four to take his score to 80 and the England score to 340 for five wickets. Evans, meanwhile, had been running singles on some vigorous shots and had scored 6.

Bailey at this stage had none of his usual inhibitions and was hitting out at almost every ball. He rallied up a succession of twos off 100th shots and made a number of cheeky singles to bolster the England score.

Scoreboard

England First Innings	
L. Hutton, c Burke, b Lindwall	6
T. Gravley, c and b Johnson	111
P. May, c Davidson, b Bennard	79
C. Cowdrey, c Madocks, b Johnson	0
D. Compton, c and b Johnson	84
G. Evans, c McDonald, b Lindwall	10
T. Bailey, b Lindwall	72
J. Wardle, n.o.	5
Extras	34
Total for seven wkts	371

STOP PRESS

England declared at 371 for seven wickets.—Reuter.

UN FLAG  
TORN DOWN  
IN GAZA

Gaza, Mar. 1.

Thousands of Palestine Arab refugees today tore down the United Nations flag from the refugees' organisation's office here, and pelted the buildings with stones.

Order was eventually restored by the Egyptian military commander and Egyptian troops. The refugees were siding as a result of the Israeli attack last night on an Egyptian military post near here. Thirty-seven Egyptian soldiers were killed.

All-day long the white jeeps of the neutral observers toured the battlefield searching for evidence to put before the armistice commission, which has been called to meet tomorrow. A curfew was established here tonight.—France-Press.

MAY INTERVIEW

London, Mar. 1. The British Government may be required to intervene in Israeli-Egyptian relations as a result of yesterday's clash between Israeli and Egyptian forces at Gaza.

Authoritative circles emphasised that this is the most serious incident to occur between the two countries since 11 Israeli bus passengers were killed by Arab marauders at Nahal (Sini) about a year ago.—France-Press.

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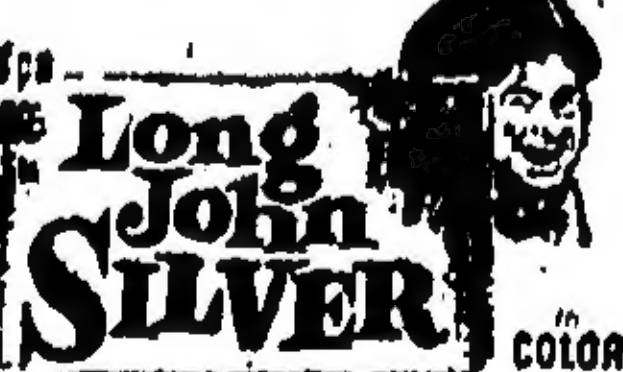
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## Russian Note Answered

## Month Ago NOTHING NEW IN LATEST THREAT

London, Mar. 1.

Britain considers that every point made in last night's Soviet note renewing the threat to abrogate the Anglo-Soviet treaty if the Paris agreements were ratified, has already been answered, the Foreign Office said today.

The spokesman said that after studying the note, the Foreign Office considered it was a "curious case — a note to which the answer had been delivered over a month ago."

## PRAVDA ATTACKS WEST PRESS

Moscow, Mar. 1.

Pravda, Soviet Communist Party newspaper, today attacked the Western Press for alleging that the Russians had "leaked" information from the London disarmament talks.

This "hypocritical campaign" was begun after the publication of reports that the Soviet delegation to the talks had put forward proposals on the basis of its government's known attitude towards disarmament, it said in an article.

"The Soviet proposals have been made 'secret' by the machinations of the bourgeois propaganda which has tried to confuse its readers."

## FACTS HIDDEN

Pravda accused the Western Press of hiding from its readers the Soviet Government declaration of February 18, suggesting a world conference on reducing arms and the prohibition of atomic weapons.

"The organisers of the bogus fuss in London are giving themselves away when they start threatening to pack up the disarmament talks," it added.—Reuter.

## Princess On Pirate Isle

Nassau, Mar. 1.

Princess Margaret flew from Nassau today to Eltham, once pirate-haunted isle, now famous for its pineapples and pink sand beaches.

It is the last day of her month-long Caribbean tour. She flies home tomorrow.

She will tour the 100-mile long island where the Eleutherian adventures, one of the earliest groups of English settlers in the New World, landed in 1647.

Princess Margaret was wearing an aquasilk shantung frock, with a white hat like a Dutch bonnet.

Her Helon plane landed on the airstrip near the United States guided missile station. American servicemen were among the crowd of several hundred which greeted her.

Flag-waving children were brought by bus to welcome the Royal visitor.

She then motored about 60 miles to this little town, being welcomed at several settlements on the way.

## LUNCH AT CLUB

The Princesses lunched with her host and hostess, Earl and Countess of Ranelagh, and members of her suite on the patio of Rook Sound Club.

In the afternoon the Princess visited the settlement at Wemyss Light before flying back to Nassau where she will see a fireworks display and enter carnival after dinner tonight.

Before she leaves Nassau for London tomorrow she will receive a deputation of straw workers and visit the Royal Air Force cemetery where she will plant a bougainvillea.—Reuter.



Queen Ingrid of Denmark (second from left) with her three daughters Princess Anne-Marie, Princess Benedikte and Princess Margrethe set off for a ski-run during winter holidays in Norway.—Express Photo.

## Moscow Leader Increasing His Influence

Moscow, Mar. 1.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev's stature as foremost Soviet leader has been further increased by the Government changes announced last night, Western circles said here today.

They considered it highly probable that the four new deputy premiers were nominated by the Communist Party of which Mr Khrushchev is First Secretary.

The changes reflected the growing influence on all branches of the Soviet Government as well as the Party.

This view is supported by the fact that the four new deputy premiers—Mr P. P. Zavenyagin, Mr A. A. Kucherenko, Mr P. T. Lobanov and Mr M. V. Khrushchev—have all been brought in from outside the Government and raised immediately to top positions where each is likely to have control of a vital branch of industry.

## TECHNICIANS

The new deputy premiers are all believed to be high calibre technicians but Mr Khrushchev is also a full member of the Communist Party Central Committee and Mr Zavenyagin is a candidate member.

Mr Lobanov is a farm specialist and an old-time supporter of

Mr Khrushchev's virgin lands development policy while Mr Kucherenko by his name may be assumed to be a native of the Ukraine—like Mr Khrushchev.

Apart from possibly strengthening the Party's position in the Government, the four new men—all comparatively unknown hitherto—may also be expected to take charge of specific branches of the Soviet economy.

For example, Mr Zavenyagin may take charge of heavy industry, Mr Lobanov agriculture and Mr Khrushchev defence production—all key spheres of activity under the new regime.

It is so, Mr Lobanov will probably rank above Mr Ivan Benediktov, who remains Agriculture Minister but is not a deputy premier.

It was noted that all former deputy premiers who were also members of the Communist Party "Presidium" of nine have been promoted.

Mr Malenkov remains an ordinary deputy premier. This would further emphasise his demotion, particularly when former subordinates such as Mr Anastas Mikoyan, Mr Mikhail Pervukhin and Mr Maxim Saburov have been promoted over his head.—Reuter.

## No Serious Drinking In Future

New Delhi, Mar. 1.

India today began to take alcohol prohibition seriously, as the Enquiry Commission into Alcohol Consumption will make public its reports on curtailing drinking.

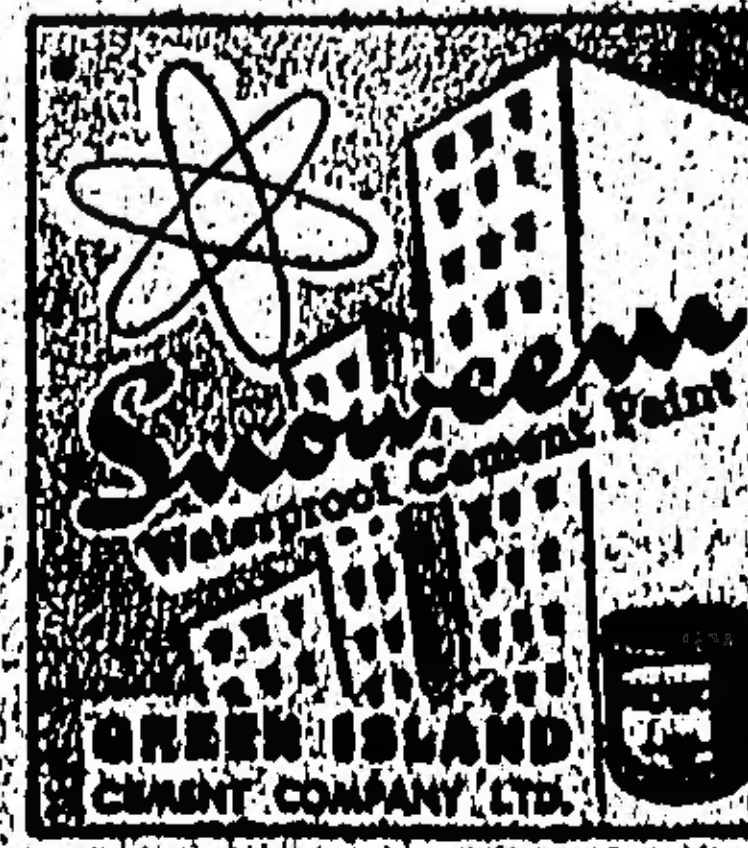
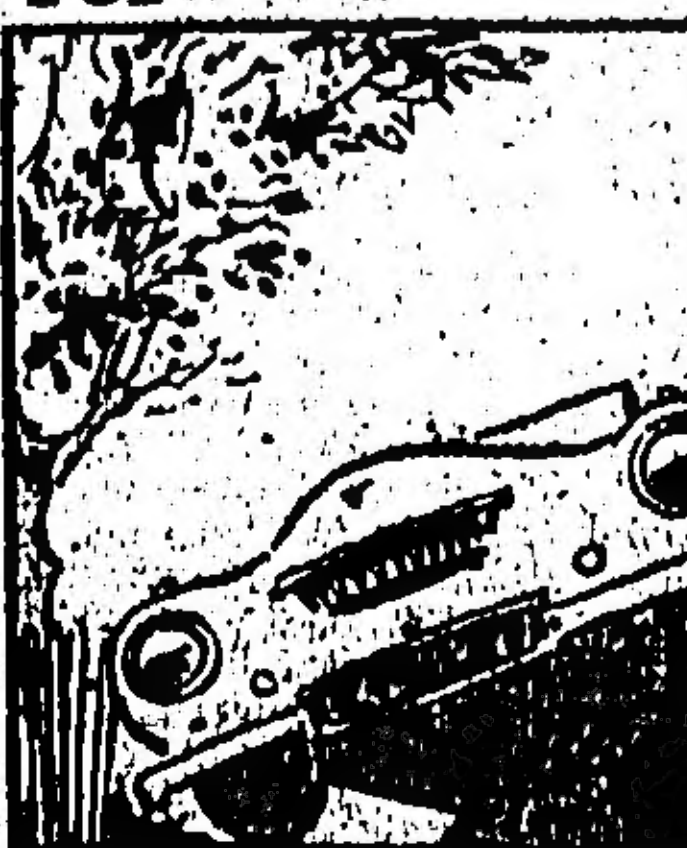
Official Indian sources stated that all states would be ready to propose reforms by October 2, the anniversary of the birth of the late Mahatma Gandhi.

An article in the Indian Constitution requires that prohibition should eventually be obtained throughout the country, but that legislation to achieve it must be voted state by state. So far two large states have voted for the prohibition—Madras and Bombay.

Those same sources said that prohibition in Madras and Bombay had so far allowed the population to save some \$75,000,000.

The vast majority of the Indian population was in favour of prohibition, they said, adding that the only opposition came from the large towns.—France-Press.

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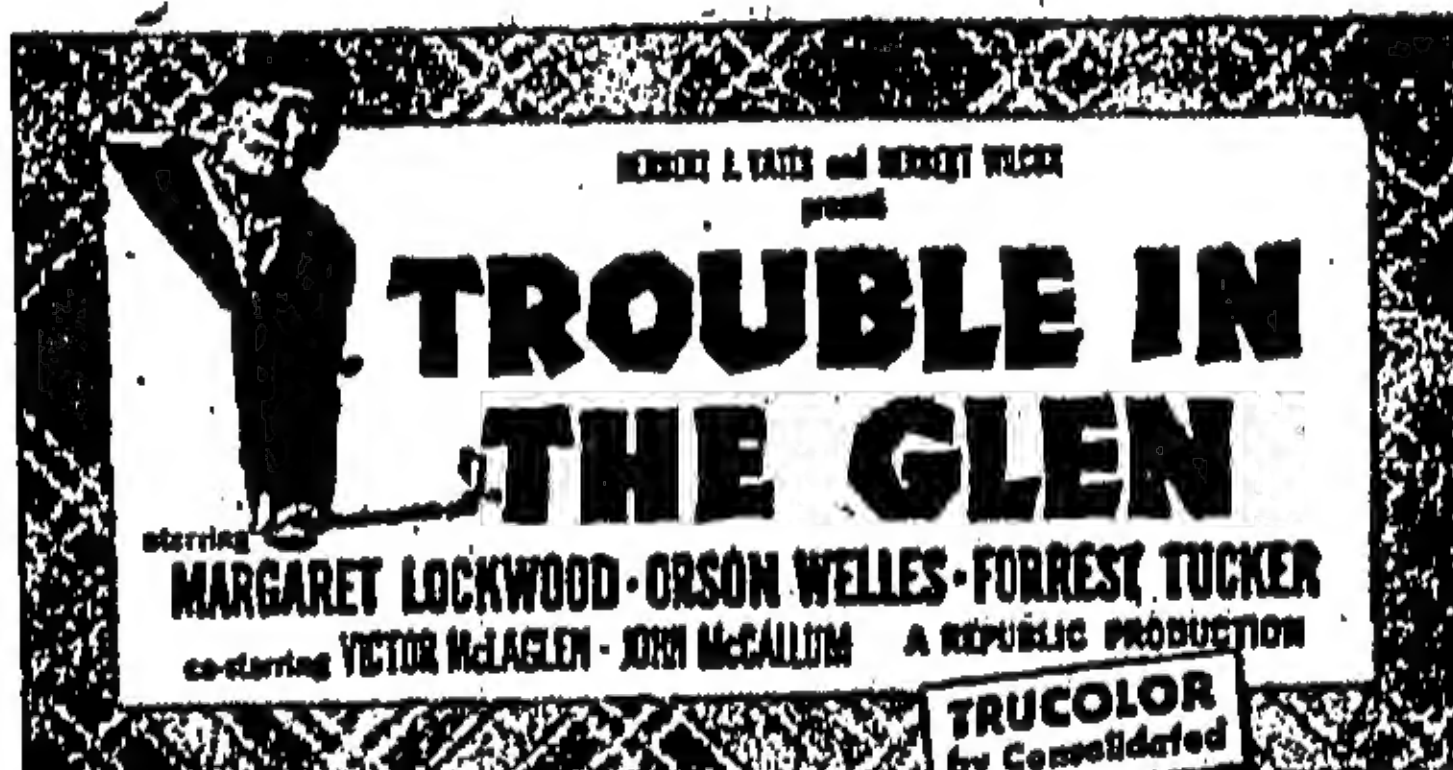
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# FRESH TROUBLE IN NORTH AFRICA

## Lepers Escape From Hospital

New York, Mar. 1. The U.S. Public Health authorities today sought seven lepers who escaped from the U.S. Marine Hospital here just 24 hours before they were to be returned to their native Virgin Island.

Dr. E. M. Gordon, medical officer in charge of the leprosy ward, warned that four of them "should be isolated" but he emphasized that leprosy is only "freely communicable."

He said that the disease was almost impossible for any healthy adult to contract.

He said four of the patients were "active" cases and the others were "arrested" cases.—United Press.

## Kashmir Settlement Possible

Karnachi, Mar. 1. Mr. Mohammed Ali, Pakistani Prime Minister, announced tonight he would leave for Delhi on March 25 to resume negotiations with Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, "for a just and honourable settlement of the Kashmir dispute."

In his monthly broadcast to the nation, Mr. Ali said "The most recent advances in Parliament of the Prime Minister of India on Kashmir have created a very favourable climate for the conduct of negotiations."

Mr. Ali said he had returned from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference "convinced that our continued membership of the Commonwealth was necessary and in every way desirable from our point of view."

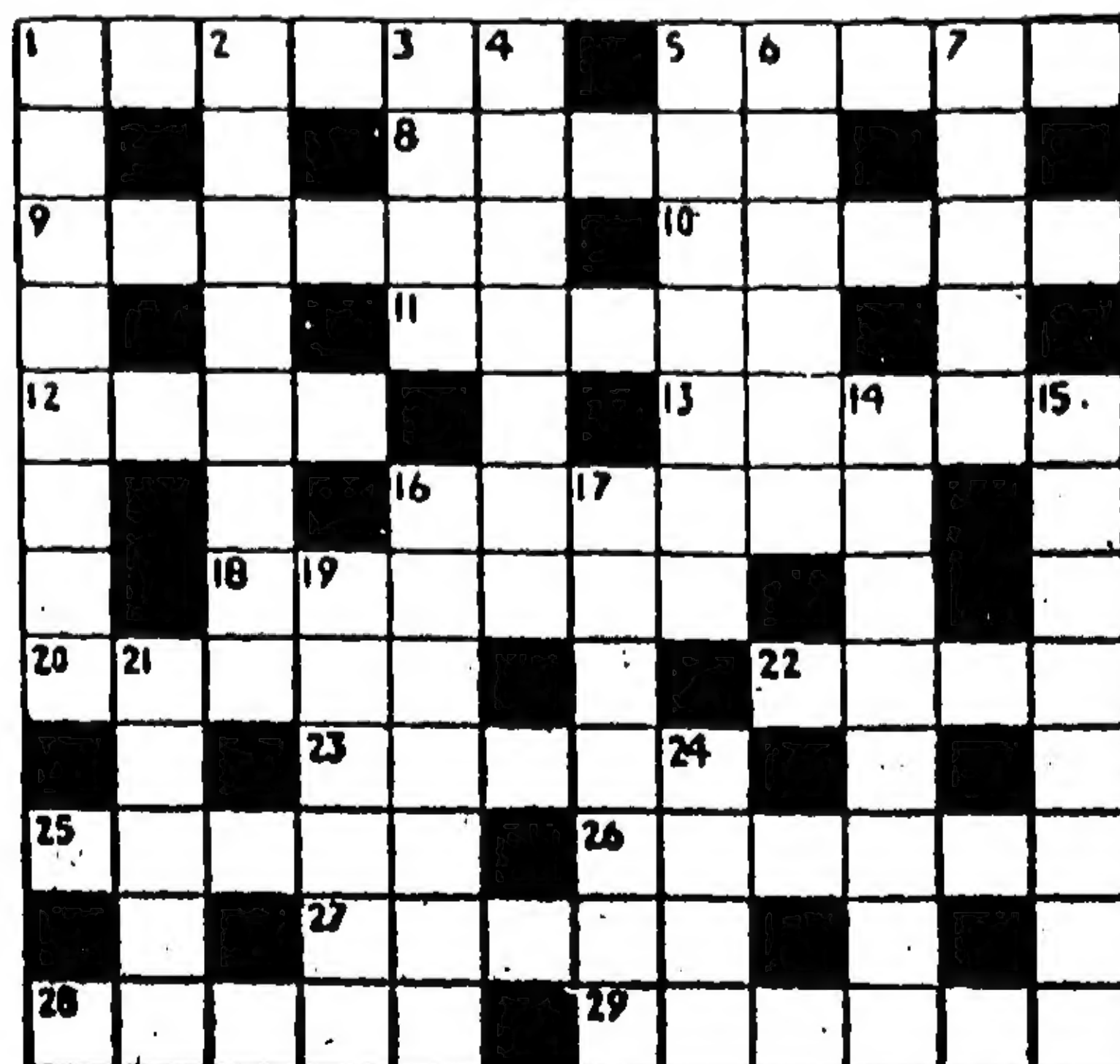
### SIDE OF PROGRESS

The nations of the world must throw their weight on the side of progress and of the preservation of world peace, Mr. Ali said. "Our own security and welfare are linked to the security and well-being of countries in the Middle East and Southeast Asia."

"These we can safeguard by collective action and by arrangements of the kind we have entered into with the United States of America and Turkey and by virtue of our membership of the Southeast Asia Defence Organization."

"We can thus build up defensive strength of not only ourselves but of other friendly countries who share the same ideals with us."—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- Swallow up (6).
- Substantia (6).
- Command (6).
- Hot condiment (6).
- Bring about (5).
- Blind (6).
- Frolic (4).
- Treated medically (6).
- Stick to (6).
- Extend (6).
- Anaesthetic (5).
- Spoken (4).
- Sent (5).
- Folks (6).
- Street trader (5).
- Bend down (6).
- Grants (5).
- Nursed (6).

## Five Killed, Nine Wounded In Casablanca PRO-FRENCH LEADER MURDERED

Tunis, Mar. 1.

France pressed tonight for a speedy resumption of Tunisian self-rule negotiations against a background of fresh unrest throughout troubled French North Africa.

The Residency here announced that the French Resident-General, Pierre de la Tour, would fly to Paris tomorrow to prepare the way for renewed self-rule negotiations, which were broken off by the fall of the Mendes-France Government.

The new French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, and the Tunisian Premier, Tahar ben Ammar, yesterday exchanged telegrams expressing their confidence in each other and France announced that she was sending supplies of food to the drought-stricken famine areas of Southern Tunisia.

## Balkan Consultative Assembly

Ankara, Mar. 1. The constitution of a Balkan Consultative Assembly seems almost certain as a result of the conference of the Foreign Ministers of the signatories of the Balkan Pact—Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia, which is taking place here, well-informed sources stated here today.

At the first meeting of the Foreign Ministers last night, a sub-committee was set up to put the finishing touches to the text of an agreement on a Balkan Assembly.

The sub-committee finished its work this afternoon, and all that now remains is the approval of the agreement by the Ministers, which is expected tonight.

The atmosphere in which the conference is taking place is said to be extremely cordial, and agreement is reported to have been reached on almost all the points discussed.

The Assembly, of about 20 parliamentarians from each country, would meet periodically to discuss Balkan affairs.

The Assembly will meet alternately in Istanbul, Athens and Belgrade.—France Press & Reuter.

each other and France announced that she was sending supplies of food to the drought-stricken famine areas of Southern Tunisia.

A solution of the Tunisian home-rule problem could form the cornerstone of a new and more progressive French policy in North Africa which could in turn bring a halt to the rebel uprising in the Aures Mountains of Algeria and to terrorism in Morocco.

In Casablanca, during the past two days, five persons were killed and at least nine wounded in gun and bomb attacks.

### IMPORTANT VICTIM

An important victim was Sheriff Moulay Idriss, leader of a pro-French organization which favoured establishment of a Republic in Morocco.

A French doctor, Guy Remiz, was killed by unknown terrorists, bringing the total number of deaths to five since last night.—United Press.

## THE JUNGLE BRIDE GOES BACK

San Cristobal, Mar. 1.

Back into the green hell of the Mexican jungle where nine months ago she buried her husband has gone 26-year-old Roberta, Lady Edward Montagu.

Her friends, the Indian guides, are vague about when she disappeared from this old Spanish settlement.

They merely say that La Bobbie has gone maybe by plane, maybe by canoe, perhaps by horse. When shall she be back? They shrug and say: "Who can tell?"

Roberta was a mystery girl before Lord Edward Montagu, 48-year-old brother of the Duke of Manchester, married her under Mexican law in 1953.

All that was known about this dark, pretty, Ebon-skinned girl then was that her name was Joughin and that she came from Los Angeles in California.

Lord Edward, in his wife's own words, had been a playboy and scoundrel.

He was a godson of King Edward VII, had been to Harrow and had worked as a taxi-driver, labourer, and deck-hand.

During his wanderings in America he acquired a passionate interest in the ancient culture of the Mayans whose history goes back to 500 B.C.

In April last year he set out with his bride for the lost city of Tachichan that lies in the mountains between Mexico and Guatemala.

### THEN—HEAT STROKE

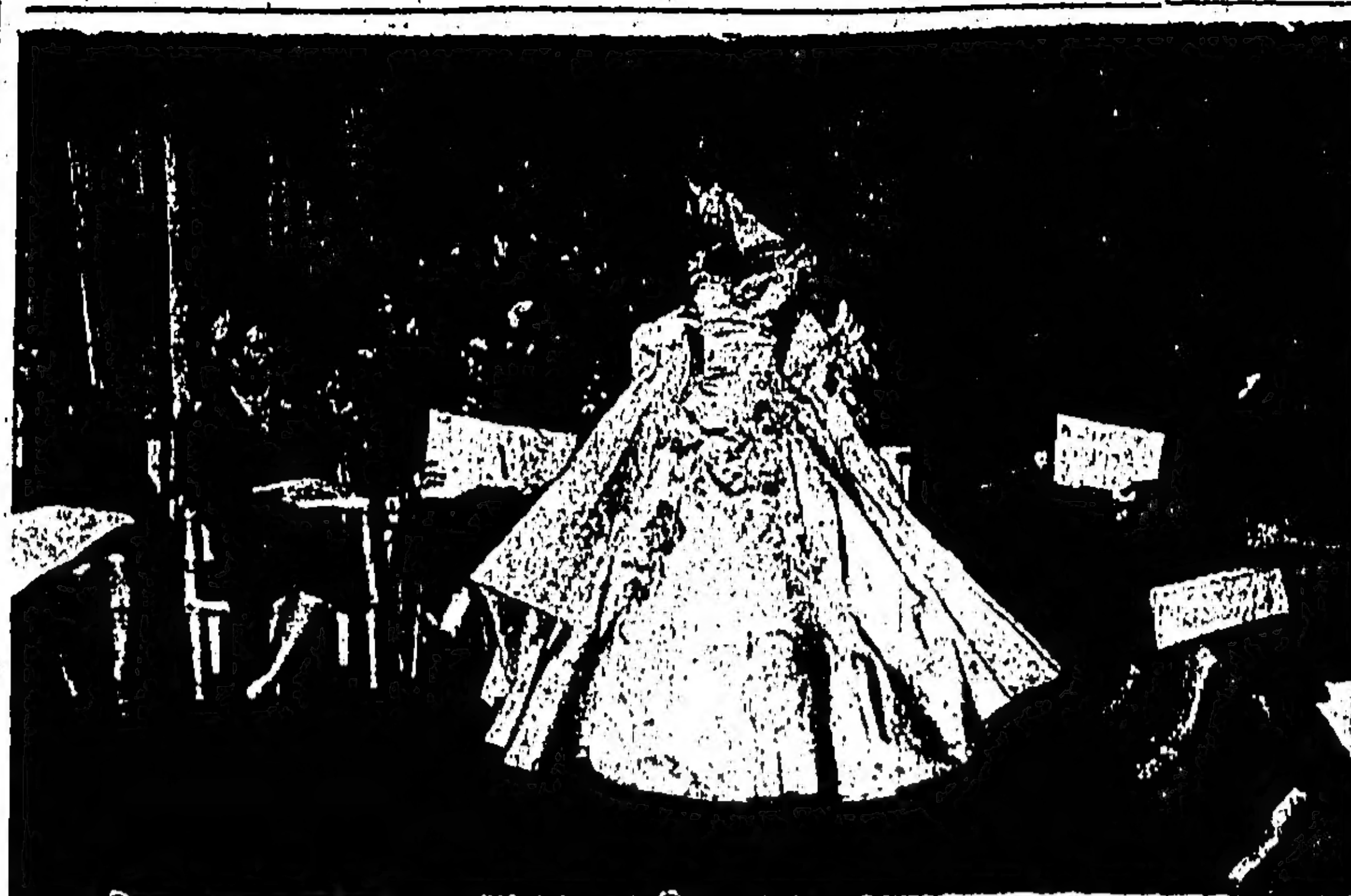
Within two months he was dead of heat stroke.

With her two Indian guides, Roberta buried Lord Edward near a ruined Mayan temple like any woodcutter or alligator-hunter—his head to the East and with his few possessions in his pockets.

Roberta may have disappeared on a pilgrimage to his grave marked with a stake on which she carved just "E.M. 1954."

Or she may have gone back into that jungle to carry out the work on which her husband had set his heart.

This was to film the search for the lost city of Tachichan, the ruins of the Mayan Indians in the ruins of Tachichan when they gather to worship their ancient gods of fire, corn, and war.



Britain's Top Twelve, representing the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers, staged a special fashion display for Queen Soraya during her visit to London. Picture shows Queen Soraya admiring this beautiful ball dress of embroidered satin with stole, from the Michael Sheppard collection.—Express Photo.

## Patent Award For Pontecorvo

BUT HE MUST COME AND GET IT

Washington, Mar. 1.

The Treasury Department announced today that turncoat British scientist Bruno Pontecorvo can collect \$15,000 if he wants to come out from behind the Iron Curtain to get it.

The money is Pontecorvo's share of a \$300,000 patent claim settlement obtained by him and six other scientists in 1953 from the Atomic Energy Commission.

The others have been paid off, but Treasury regulations bar payments to persons in Iron Curtain countries, on the grounds that there is no assurance a check would actually be received and the funds collected.

The patent covered a process for production of radioactive substances.

### A TRICK

Meanwhile other American officials viewed as a Red propaganda trick Pontecorvo's announcement of his defection almost five years after it took place.

They readily acknowledged that he must have played a vital role in Russian atomic programme, including development of the hydrogen bomb.

But they said they weren't surprised at today's announcement in two Moscow newspapers of Pontecorvo's whereabouts because the U.S. Government had assumed he was working for the Russians ever since he disappeared in October, 1950.

The officials said Russia apparently hoped to achieve two things by the announcement:

1. Emphasize Moscow's progress in the peaceful development of atomic energy at a time when this same line is being advanced at the London Disarmament Conference.
2. Lend support to recent Soviet boasts that Russia is ahead of or at least matching the United States in progress on nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile in Moscow Western correspondents tried unsuccessfully today to contact Pontecorvo.

As is customary in the Soviet Union when foreign journalists ask for interviews, their requests to meet Pontecorvo were filed with the Press Department of the Foreign Ministry.

When the Department closed for the day, there had been no response to the correspondents' inquiries.

"LET YOU KNOW"

"We will let you know as soon as we have any information" an official of the Department said.

It was presumed that Pontecorvo was not working in Moscow and that he was probably engaged at the Soviet Union's atomic energy station, the location of which has not been disclosed.—United Press & Reuter.

## Dulles Due In Formosa Tomorrow

Taipei, Feb. 28.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, is due to arrive in Formosa on Thursday to witness the exchange of documents ratifying the mutual defence pact between the United States and Nationalist China.

American sources said Mr. Dulles was also expected to see General Chiang Kai-shek for their second meeting within a year.

Mr. Karl Rankin, United States Ambassador to Nationalist China, left Formosa today for Baguio in the Philippines, where Mr. Dulles is holding a conference of United States diplomatic representatives in the Far East. He is expected to return here with Mr. Dulles.—Reuter.

## OUT AGAIN IN AGAIN

New York, Mar. 1.

Six of the top Communists in the United States today finished their five-year prison terms imposed for conspiracy to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the Government.

But Federal marshals waited at the gates to take them into custody on a new charge of knowingly being members of a party aiming at the violent overthrow of the Government. Conviction on this charge carries a maximum penalty of ten years' imprisonment.

The six were among 11 party leaders convicted after a nine-month trial in 1949. Their sentences were reduced for good behaviour.

Those released were John Williamson, 52, the Party Secretary, Jacob Stachel, 55, its Educational Director, Eugene Dennis, 49, General Secretary, John Gates, 41, Editor of the Daily Worker, Carl Winter, 48, Michigan Party Chairman, and Benjamin Davis, former New York City chairman.—Reuter.

## HAS RUSSIA GOT THE H-BOMB?

Hearst Has His Doubts

Washington, Mar. 1. Mr. William Randolph Hearst, Editor-in-Chief of the Hearst newspapers, said today that his recent interview with the new Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, had convinced him that the Soviet Union was far behind the United States in stockpiling atomic weapons and might not have the hydrogen bomb at all.

He also quoted British officials as "doubting" whether the Soviet Union possessed the hydrogen bomb.

Mr. Hearst was reporting in a speech to the National Press Club on his series of interviews recently with the new Soviet leaders, including Marshal Bulganin, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, and Marshal Georgi Zhukov, new Minister of Defence.

"We thought we smoked out Bulganin on one thing," Mr. Hearst said. "Molotov claimed in the Supreme Soviet that Russia had surpassed the United States in the production of hydrogen bombs."

"We called Bulganin's attention to the warnings of scientists that the continued explosion of nuclear weapons would have dangerous effects on human and animal life. We asked him whether Russia would be willing to enter an agreement with the United States and Great Britain to limit the number of these explosions for experimental purposes."

"The quick and sharply negative reaction of the Soviet Premier convinced me that the Russians are far behind us in the stockpiling of these new weapons and may not have the H-bomb at all."—Reuter.

### Grand Duke Dies

Paris, Mar. 1. Grand Duke Gabriel of Russia, a second cousin of Czar Nicholas II, died today after a short illness. He was 68.—United Press.

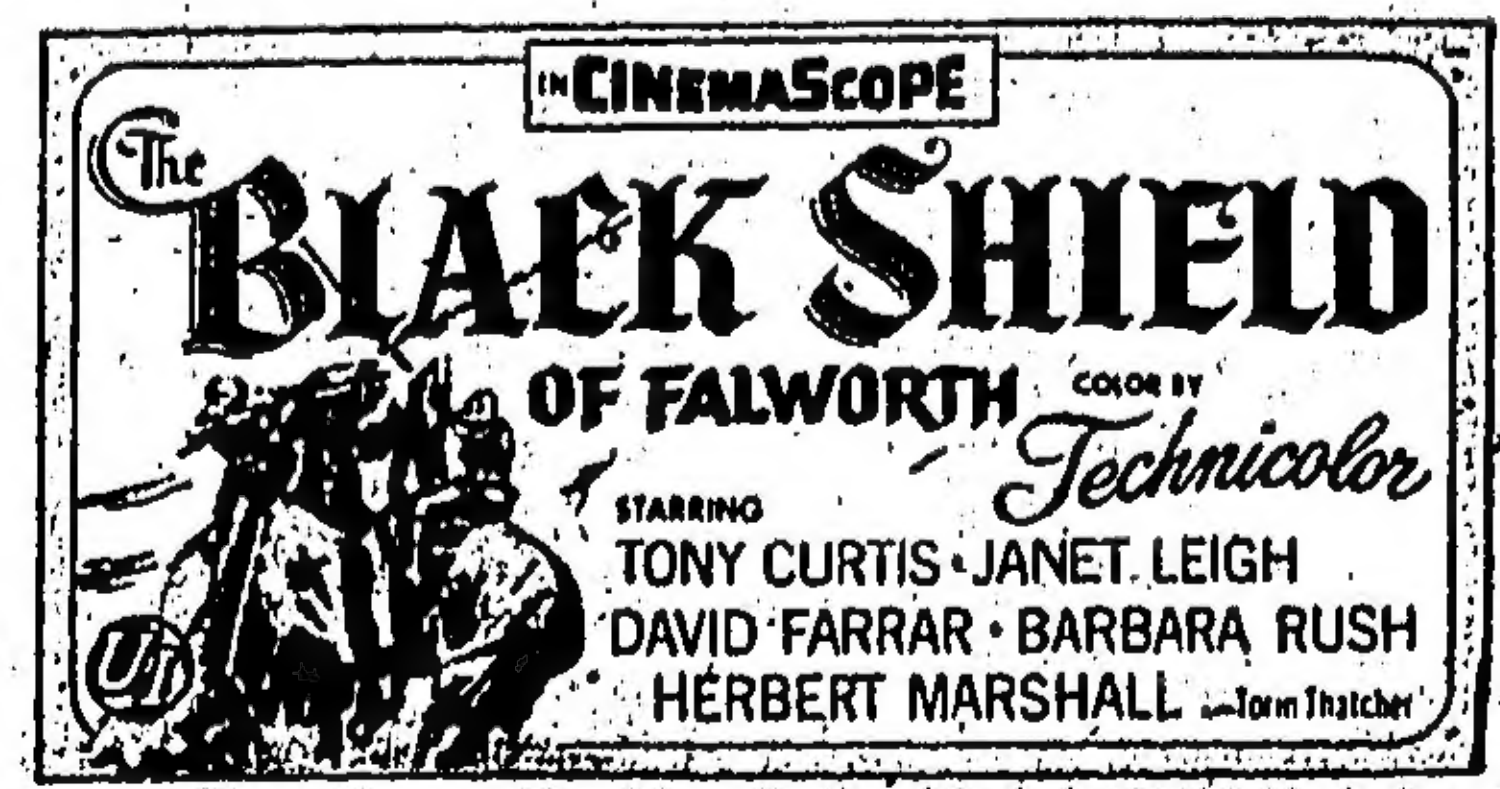
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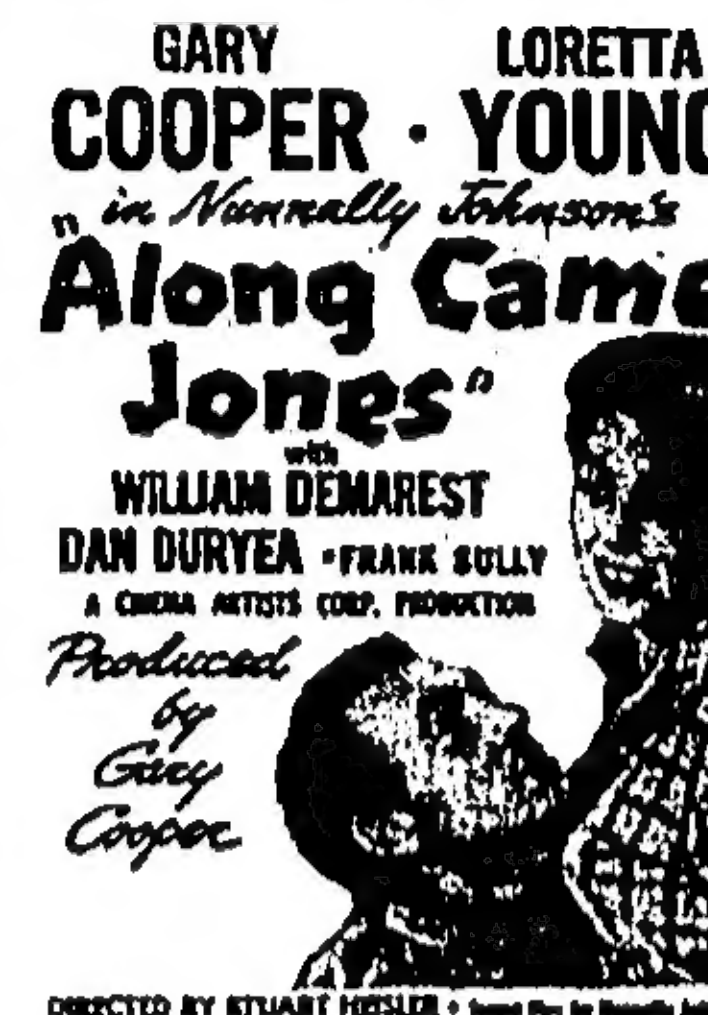


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# Nathaniel Gubbins

NOT until I read The Housewife's Diary for 1955, given to my life partner, The Plucky Little Woman, did I understand what is expected of all plucky little women by the compiler of this brutal book.

The moment the Christmas decorations are down she is instructed to collect old sheets and blankets, old magazines, old clothes, old Christmas cards, and odd bits of knitting wool, and send them to various institutions (addresses given).

When she has wrapped the parcels and posted them (she'll have fun with the old sheets and blankets) she can learn how to remove stains, how to deal with burns, cuts, foreign bodies in the eye, peas and beads in the nose, and ear, and what to do about chicken pox, measles, mumps, and whooping cough.

After that she must make notes about the times of trains and buses, doctor's surgery hours, church services, the voltage of the house, and the positions of fuse boxes and stop cocks.

The next day she is reminded that it is not too soon to make the children's clothes ready for school. She must strengthen durns and weak places behind wrenched buttons, with tape, write names in marking ink on shoes and mackintoshes, check socks, and dubbin football boots.

By January 10, just when she might be taking a breather, she is warned about burst pipes. If this happens she must turn off water at the main, turn on all cold taps, put bowls under leaks, make out boiler, stop cracks with rags dipped in paint, and listen for fizzing noises in case the electric wiring is affected. When she can do no more, she must ring the plumber, who will probably be out.

On January 24 she is expected to make marmalade, and on February 7 she will be drying wet shoes stuffed with newspaper and removing rust spots from suede with fine sandpaper. At the end of the month she will be getting ready for spring cleaning, replacing lattered cushions, and washing eiderdowns.

After making a horrible fish pie for Lent she will be coping with chapped hands, washing blankets, shaking moths out of furs, baking hot cross buns for Easter, and packing eggs to be sent through the post at a time when most people are full of eggs. By April 18 she is

shampooing carrots and rubbing the "milkyway" backs with disinfectant.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THERE IS NO PEACE FOR HER.

In May she is warned about led loilies and told a watch out for furniture beetles, though how she can be looking for beetles while snatching loilies from the children and removing peas and beads from their ears and noses is not explained.

In June there are "silver fish" in the larder. In July she is pickling walnuts. In August she is making blackberry jelly and "blotting" her poor hot face with eau-de-Cologne. Broken aspicorns have to be mended and vegetables pickled in September.

By October she is cleaning out the cooker, knitting winter woollies, and scrubbing umbrellas. In November she is insulating the loft, making briquettes out of coal dust, and finds dry rot under the floor boards.

We can pass over her miserable Christmas spent making butterfies out of lard and aquinas and little bells out of milk bottle tops and merely record that the wretched woman gets a break on Boxing Day when she has a bath, pins up her "straggling" ends of hair, and has seven "five minutes" with her feet propped up.

Just five short minutes and she's off again collecting old clothes, old magazines, old sheets, and old blankets.

Disgruntled Host

THE first thing I saw in the papers was that Sir Anthony Eden doesn't enjoy the Foreign Office cocktail parties that cost £20,000,000 a year.

Normally I have nothing against Eden. Ever since he stood up to that bumptious, arrogant windbag, that shameless, unblushing blowhard, that overbearing, insolent Jack-potting Mussolini I have been one of his staunch admirers.

But because of my complaint I found myself in a black rage about this.

Why doesn't he enjoy my cocktail parties? Don't I pay enough for them in taxes? If he doesn't like them why not give me my money back? Then, perhaps, I could afford a cocktail party of my own. And enjoy it when I get better.

As one of his unwilling hosts I suppose it is permissible to ask why they are given at all? Does he imagine they create

goodwill, because if he does he might remember that all the cocktail parties, dinners, and receptions given at my expense before 1939 didn't stop the Germans slinging bombs at us. And an ocean of alcohol wouldn't stop any of the guzzling, befuddled, crapulous, top-heavy foreign loss-pots from doing this same if they felt like it.

Damme, sir, why not tell them all to go to the devil? Are we to cringe to these foreign small feasts with cocktails and little bits of rubbish on toast? Are we men, sir, or are we a lot of fawning, slavish, grovelling, milvelling, mealy-mouthed, lick-a-penny muckworms?

And keep that blasted, tray away from my foot.

## Modern Swan

ONE of the brilliant team of animal reporters employed by The Animals (and Birds) Newspaper, edited by N. Gubbins, Esq., was sent to interview Susie, the problem girl swan who has died her angry father by refusing to migrate from a lake at Hayling Island.

"They may call me a problem girl," she said, "but it's father who is the problem."

"Would you call your father a Victorian?"

"I'd say he was positively medieval. That's why I've refused to go to the new family home. I mean a modern girl must have her freedom."

"Does your father insist that you are in bed early?"

"Early? Don't make me laugh. I have to be in bed by dusk, which is early enough in the winter when a girl wants to go to parties and everything. With boy friends, I mean."

"Can't you ask your boy friends home?"

"Ask them home with father hissing at them all the evening? It gets on your nerves. Why, one lovely friend who called for me was bitten so badly by father that he couldn't sit down for a week."

"Don't you think your father was waiting for the right swan to come along?"

"He can wait as long as he likes, but I'm not. I mean a girl has to look out for herself and take her chance when it comes. I mean it's only fair to yourself."

"Aren't you afraid to live alone in a desolate spot at the mercy of any adventurer?"

"Afraid? Not me. I'm modern. I am! And as for adventurers, I like the adventurous type. The more the merrier, that's what I say. If you know what I mean."

# THE ARAB WORLD IN FERMENT

The spit of land where Noah launched his Ark and the Queen of Sheba bathed — as Arab tradition has it — is a new pressure point for Arab nationalism and a worry to Western defence strategists

By HAROLD GUARD

(PHOTOS BY CHARLES DAWSON)

Aden.

"SONS of Allah: throw out the British!"

I heard this cry in

Moslem cities from here to Baghdad. It comes from a new generation of nationalists as well as old-fashioned trouble-makers.

And it is causing increased concern among Western defence planners, who within the past year have seen British forces begin their exodus from the vast network of ground, air and naval bases of the Suez Canal Zone.

The cry can be heard in this little 75-square mile spit of land called Aden, the crossroads of sea traffic between East and West since ancient times.

For more than a century since the British took this tiny peninsula and made it a Crown Colony, Aden has been a fortress at the gateway to the Red Sea. Today, nationalism in the Arab states threatens to engulf both the Colony and the adjacent 115,000 square miles of the Aden Protectorate, which border the forbidden kingdom of the Yemen and oil-rich Saudi Arabia.

About sixty per cent of Aden's population is Yemenite. Ahmed, who has reigned as King of The Yemen since his father's assassination in 1948, has long claimed the Aden Protectorate as part of his domain. Since the British withdrawal from Suez, he has become more militant in his claims, and there has been bloody fighting along the Yemen border.

His Fear

The British administrators here say that King Ahmed is working against time. His recent aggressive actions are due, they argue, to his fear that as the Protectorate prospers under British supervision, his own claims to sovereignty over the area will find less and less response among the Yemenite inhabitants.

They cite the great expansion of irrigation and agricultural schemes which are bringing back crops to the vast desert wilderness, the newly-completed oil-refinery, and plans for making Aden itself an even greater centre of world shipping.

It was here, according to Arab legend, that Noah built his Ark before the Deluge. The site identified by this tradition is being demolished to make room for deep sea shipping berths. In terms of tonnage capacity, the port of Aden already ranks fourth among the world's largest.

The exact spot where Noah supposedly trooped his animals aboard, two by two, is Maalla, a village on the foreshore of the Aden peninsula. For five thousand years, the Arabs say, this site has been used for constructing ocean-going dhows. And they claim as descendants of Noah that Maalla belongs to them.

The owner of the site today is a wealthy Arab named Ali Ibrahim Noor. He employs craftsmen who still how and hammer together their boats in the manner of the Ark with timbers brought from East Africa and seasoned for years in Aden's briny seawater. These craft, which Sindbad the Sailor made famous, still ply the equatorial waters from Asmara to Basrah.

Sweet Water

It is little wonder that the Arab shipwrights who open modern tools for primitive methods beyond the passing of Maalla as a sacrifice to progress are represented by the giant steel ships which put in at Aden from the Seven Seas. The Aden Port Trust Authority has hastened to reconvert the Arab of Maalla that a site for their show building will be available to them on Slave Island, across the channel from their fabled waterfront.



THE Middle East is in ferment. The past two years have seen political changes of greater consequence than any since World War I. The cause is resurgent Arab nationalism; the effect has been an overhauling of military plans for that area by the Western defence community.

To report this vital and exotic area in words and pictures, two veteran correspondents went to the heart of the Middle East and Moslem world—the least known part of Arabia.

Harold Guard, (seen above helping an Arab fisherman to a light) who describes these remote communities and their present-day problems, has for 25 years reported headline events from the Near and Far East. He was chief of the United Press bureau in Hongkong before the war. Charles Dawson, who takes his camera to regions never before photographed, has won international prizes for his newspaper pictures.

Their journey begins in Aden, where the Red Sea meets the Indian Ocean. It takes them to the Yemen border, to Muscat, Oman and the Trucial States, to the uncharted "Empty Quarter" of the Great Arabian desert, and back through Suez, Egypt, Sudan, Cyprus and Malta.

This is the first of ten illustrated articles by this reporting team, which will appear daily in the China Mail.

Not all historical relics need suffer from the advent of progress. While Aden's officials point with pride to the development of modern facilities for water and power supplies, they will make good use of a series of ancient rock-hewn reservoirs for sweet water.

The reservoirs can hold an estimated 20 million gallons, and no one knows just when they were first cut into the slopes of the volcanic mountain which forms the Aden peninsula.

Until they were re-discovered accidentally exactly 100 years ago by an English lieutenant named Lambert Playfair, every pint of sweet water had to be carried in to Aden by camel. Playfair unearthed them from under rubbish and debris which filled them for centuries. Cleaned out, they became the Colony's reserve water storage.

The Arabs have another legend—that one of the tanks was the Queen of Sheba's bath. But there is another account of the origin of the Aden reservoirs which appears to be more authentic—that they were carved into the rock in the year 545 A.D. during the Persian occupation of the Arabian coast.

The Aden authorities also have brought water to the parched deserts of The Hadramaut and the Abyan district of the Aden Protectorate. Since most projects to make the desert blossom as a rose rarely get beyond the drawing-board stage, I went to have a look for myself in the arid wastes some 45 miles northwest of Aden—and was amazed to find a flourishing cotton plantation.

With the co-operation of the local ruling Sultan of Fadhl, the Colonial Welfare and Development Corporation financed an irrigation project, and this year the cotton plantation at Abyan exported 23,500 bales of long staple cotton to Lancashire mills.

With cotton production has come the construction of a cotton mill where fibres are cleaned and baled for export, and tons of valuable cotton seed are packed.

Abyan's cotton industry is being run entirely by Arabs, who told me that next year's exports would total 40,000 bales and that an oil extraction plant for the cotton seed would be built.

Desert schools have followed in the wake of local industry. Abyan village now has a school for some 150 boys, and the Sultan has appointed a director of education to supervise an ambitious programme which includes a second co-educational school for children from all parts of the Protectorate.

Progressive

This development scheme is being shared by two of the Protectorate's local rulers, the Sultans of Fadhl and Lower Yafal. Both are progressive in their outlook, and do not share the interpretation given to the Koran by some of the district chiefs which leaves all incentive with Allah.

The Colonial Office, as a step toward increasing local participation in government, has proposed to rulers of the various sultanates and sheikhdoms in the Protectorate that limited federations be established to give them more to say in the affairs of the territory as a whole, and to improve co-operation in social services and development projects. The British made it clear that the subjects to be treated under such a federal system would be limited to education, public health, communications, customs, and posts and telegraphic services.

King Ahmed of The Yemen, however, has opposed the plan. He claims that the plan Britain signed with his father in 1934 guarantees that no political changes will be made within the Protectorate during the life of the 40-year treaty. Some of the ruling sheikhs also claim that the British proposals would put a limit on their sovereignty as they conceive it. Hence the proposed conference on federation has been postponed and the whole question is under review at Whitehall.

Meanwhile, the desert forces of King Ahmed are continuing their sporadic attacks on Protectorate territory at points along The Yemen border, which is anything but clearly defined.

Crack Troops

To carry out its responsibility for maintaining law and order in the Protectorate, Britain recruits local defence forces known as the Aden Protectorate Levies.

These troops, although land forces, are under the command of the Royal Air Force, which co-ordinates their activities from strategic airfields along the south Arabian coast. The Levies are scattered thinly at key points throughout the vast area, and their units are officially labelled "Squadrons" and "Flights".

One of them is a crack camel corps—and there are Westerners who will maintain that riding a fleet camel approximates flying.

Aden's Levies are now being bolstered by Hadramaut Bedouin Levies, fierce tribesmen from the more remote districts of the Aden Protectorate, and by Oman Levies recruited from the Trucial Sheikdoms to the east, which also are under British protection.

In these crack desert troops and their air support, Britain pins her hopes for maintaining and developing this expanding Middle East bastion and promoting it from the pioneering Arab of King Sheba.

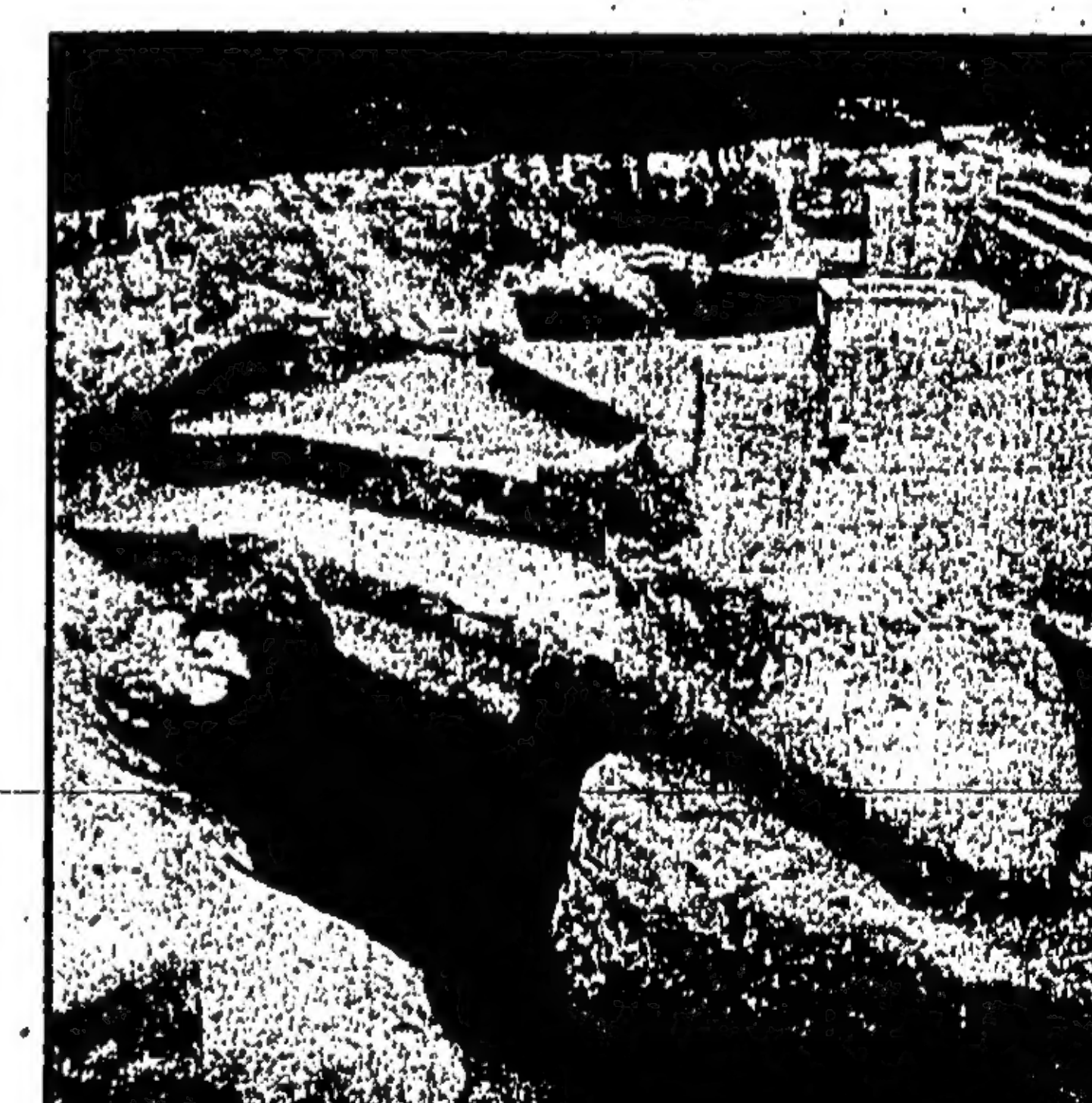
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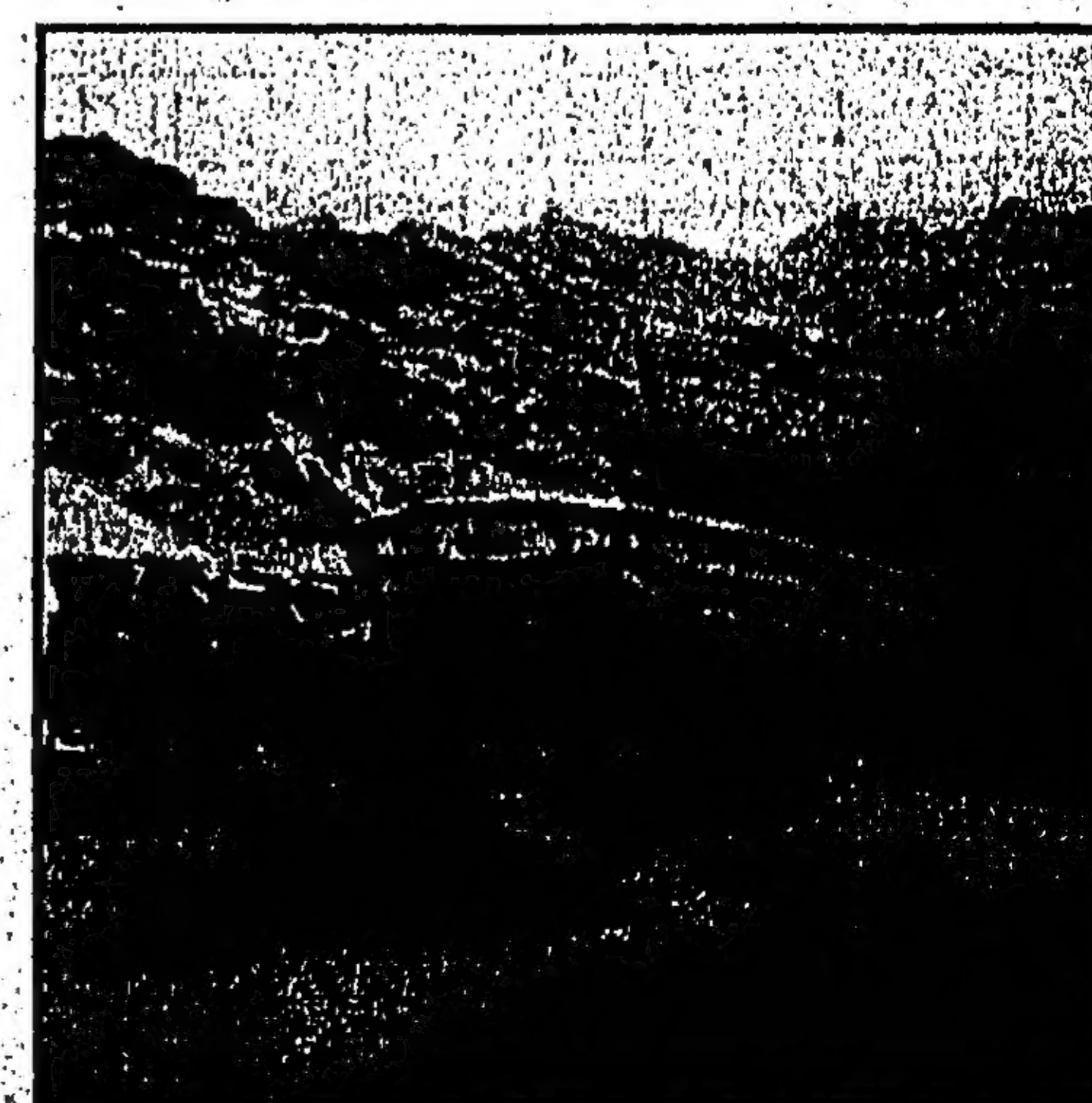
A sergeant of the Aden Protectorate Levies and his camel "at ease."



The Minister of Education talks to a classroom of boys at Abyan, near Aden.

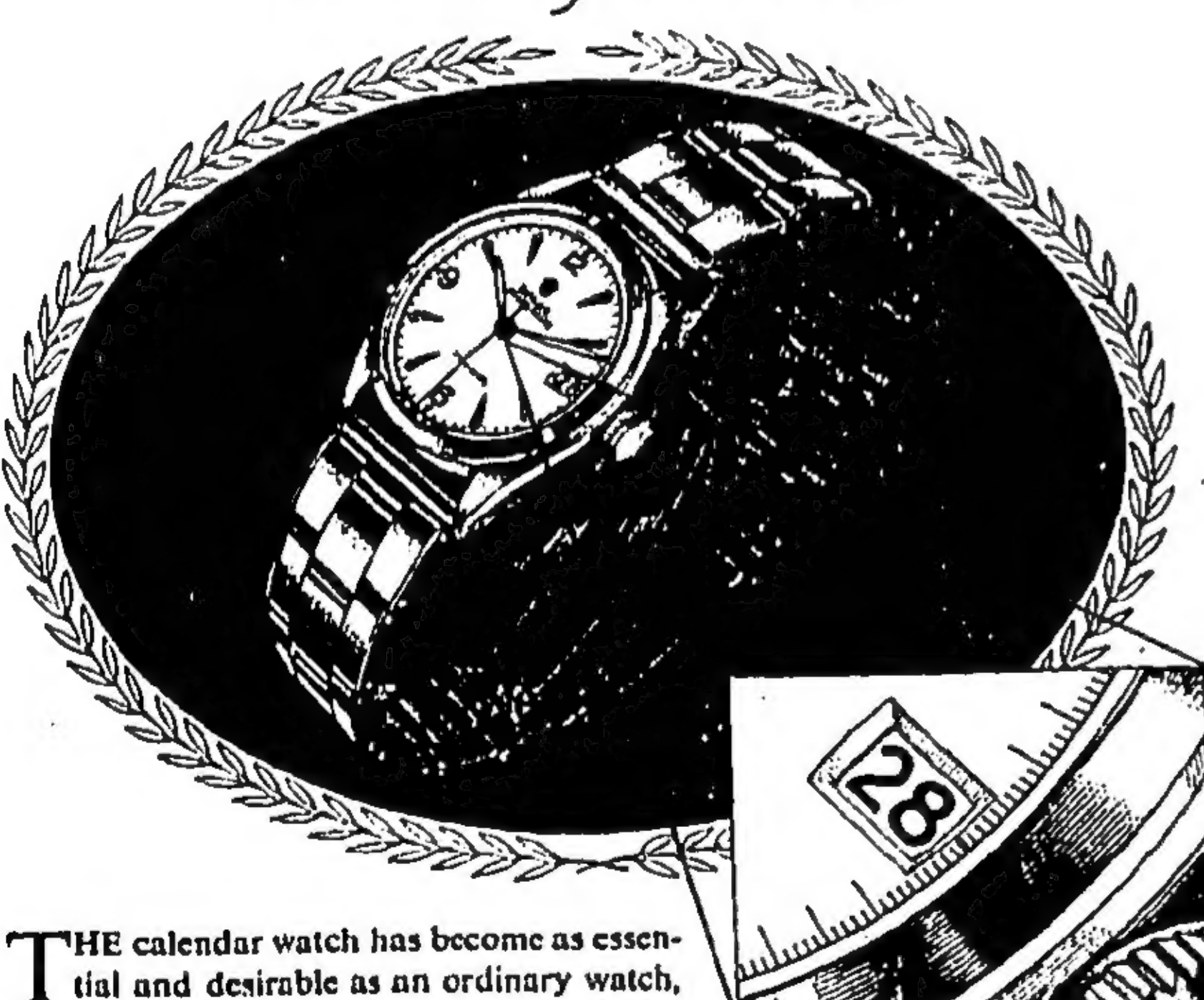


Part of the ancient rock-hewn water tank system at Aden.



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# NOW EVEN THE CYCLIST IS INVOLVED IN THIS BUSINESS OF PROGNOSTICATION

By "NTACA"

From time immemorial man has had recourse to various methods of obtaining advance information on which to base his future actions. Astrologers, palmists, crystal gazers, readers of the cards and sand, necromancers, oracles, witches and soothsayers of innumerable types and varying degrees of accuracy have been used to provide pictures of the future, or to enumerate "lucky" days on which success would be certain to attend a venture.

Even in these allegedly enlightened days the contradictory generalities of well-known seers are followed by those who should perhaps know a little better. And now, even the cyclist is involved in the business of prognostication.

A new "science" purports to tell, from a mere examination of the birthdate, exactly how and when each rider can be sure that his physical, mental and emotional states will be at their respective "peak," thus enabling him to save his energies for the day when a supreme effort will be almost certain, crowned with success, according to this "scientific" calculation.

Of course, all this may be just so, and I must agree that a remarkable insight, quoting many cases where the tables for a certain rider would have shown favourable indications at the exact times when some outstanding performances were put up. But I never place a large amount of faith in hindsight.

Even, rider knows that at times he feels "on top of the world," days when he can do almost as he pleases. He also knows there are days when he "just can't seem to get going." Any cyclist who enters to keep a record of his good and bad days will soon discover a definite rhythm, a periodicity of "peak" and "valley" that is fairly consistent.

Persons have differing rates of recovery after effort and it is wise for the rider to ascertain, for his own recuperation rate. Many a promising young rider has faded out of the headlines after a couple of seasons, merely because he has "hidden himself out," not given his body time to recuperate after a hard ride.

## COMES IN USEFUL

The careful observation of this rise and fall in fitness rates also comes in useful when training towards a special end, for some specific event.

The riders in the big "Tour" and similar events prefer to start the race below their peak of condition, riding themselves in for the middle and end sections, the vital times. They know that any attempt to be at peak fitness for the whole of the long race would result in exhaustion at the very time that they cannot afford it.

Cyclists everywhere study their gears and machines in great detail. It is even more important that they study themselves.

## YET AGAIN

This column seems to be degenerating into a serialised poem of praise of Ron Beck, but his latest exploit certainly merits mention. On Wednesday last he turned his attention to the track, taking part in the five Miles Scratch Race which formed part of the REME Sports programme.

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He gave an amazing display in winning by a minute from Hurford and Bouché. His riding was a mixture of Novice and Champion. Novice-like were his running wide and showing down at every bend, in his typical cautious fashion.

In the style of a Champion, by making all the running, burning off the rest and lapping the entire field on the nineteenth of the twenty laps.

He simply put his head down and rode as fast as he could for as long as he could, which was too fast and too long for the others.

He is at present without doubt the best rider in the Colony, making up in sheer strength, speed and fitness what he lacks in experience and cycling skill.

When he turns to sprint and to ride tricky roads and descents, he will be a challenge to the best anywhere. It is to be hoped he will be wise enough to take advice and profit from the experience of those who have been longer in the game than himself.

It is a strange thing among cyclists that they will willingly give assistance to their rivals. A cyclist's spirit, one which helps to make the cycling game the real "King of Sports".

COMPLETE RESHUFFLE  
Excesses, typhoons and other ailments beyond the power of man to alter have made a hush of this season's original programme, and a complete reshuffling has been necessitated, with the result that events now reach well into April.

The first HKCA Championship event, the 50 Miles Time Trial, is now scheduled for the Kai Tak Exiles.

## Spring Double Callover

London, Mar. 1. The "Spring Double" call-over business centred chiefly on the favourites, Minstrel (Lincolnshire) and Tudor Line (Grand National) at tonight's Victoria Club session here.

Minstrel, Lord Rosebery's Cambridgehire Handicap winner of last year, was easily the best backed horse. Supported to win £20,000 sterling, he was a firm favourite but closed at his previous odds of 100 to 8.

Brisk business was done on the Lincolnshire. Others supported to win several thousand pounds were Alf Caprice, the Blessing, Prince Charming and Garuda.

The success of Copp in the three-mile, five furlongs Leonardstown Chase in Ireland today was reflected in the Grand National betting. After being backed to win £7,000, the odds against Copp were clipped from 22 to 100 to 7. But Tudor Line, with support to win £10,000, was in most demand.

## CLOSING OFFERS

Closing offers were:  
Lincolnshire Handicap (One Mile, March 23)  
100 to 8 Minstrel,  
100 to 7 Kobs,  
100 to 8 Military Court, Alf Caprice and the Blessing,  
18 to 1 Prince Charming,  
25 to 1 Garuda,  
25 to 1 Sweep,  
25 to 1 Desert Way, Chivalry and Olympiad,  
33 to 1 Lookout II, Tip the Bottle, and Live Spirit,  
40 to 1 Harry Lime, Coronation Year, Bravely Scot, Netherwood and Bush Hill.

Grand National (4 Miles, 850 Yards, March 26)  
100 to 8 Tudor Line and Quire Times,  
100 to 7 Copp,  
100 to 6 Mes Tu Vu and Goodwater,  
18 to 1 Mariner's Log and Irish Lizard,  
20 to 1 Gogolo and Early Mist,  
25 to 1 Churchtown and Sundew,  
33 to 1 No Response,  
33 to 1 Royal Tan, Sir Linnett, Carey's Cottage and Bont Tremplant.

40 to 1 Mister Champagne,  
50 to 1 Another Rake,  
The next call-over on both races will be on Monday, March 7.—China Mail Special.

has now been fixed for Sunday next, starting at 2 p.m., while the NTACA Massed Start Championship Race will take place on the following Wednesday.

This will be of 65 miles, over four laps of the Northern Circuit, and will be good preparation to the much-shifted Sai Wen "100" on Sunday, March 13.

Quite a busy week for the Army boys. All riders are asked to study carefully the revised programmes for March which have been sent out and should by now have been received.

Colony cycling as a whole, and the REME team in particular, will suffer a severe loss when tubby "Spike" Milligan leaves for his native health and the long-awaited "demob" on the Empire Trooper next Saturday.

While not one of the Colony's outstanding individual riders, Spike was a staunch and reliable team man, always giving of his best and an example of unselfish riding.

An exceptional climber of hills, and a very hard man to "drop" in a Massed Start race he will be sorely missed by all for he was popular with members of every club.

We wish him the very best of luck in civilian life, and can assure him that his will be one of the most welcome faces at the proposed reunion. Dinner, some time in the future.

## ANY COMMENTS?

It appears that the cyclist is not an artistic animal. My request for a design for an Association badge has had but two replies, one of which is a most elaborate affair which incorporates insignia to show all the member clubs.

The other has a design which I am sure will find favour with most members. In a wreath of laurels appear the Crossed Swords of the Army, the Anchor of the Navy, the Wings of the RAF and the "NTACA" brain-child of the "NTACA" Timekeeper, Sgt. Clever, it seems to fit the bill quite nicely. Any comments?

Question of the week. Why do YOU race?

## Six Cities Want 1960 Games

Lausanne, Mar. 1. Only six cities had submitted requests to stage the 1960 Olympic Games when the official time limit for applications expired today.

They were Lausanne, Rome, Budapest, Brussels, Detroit and Tokyo.

For the 1960 Winter Olympic applications were received at the International Olympic committee's headquarters here from St. Moritz (Switzerland), Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Germany) and Innsbruck (Austria).

The IOC will make its choice at a meeting in Paris next June. Otto Mayer, Chancellor of the IOC, said applications were sometimes received late and any more arriving in the near future could be considered.—Reuter.

## Tuli Challenges Dai Dower

London, Mar. 1. A challenge of £1,000 was made today to the British and Empire Flyweight Boxing Champion, Dai Dower of Wales, for a return Empire title contest with Jake Tuli of South Africa. Dower, who won the Empire title from Tuli, was at the ring-side last night when the South African knocked out Emilie Dolplaque of Belgium in two rounds at Cardiff.—Reuter.

## SWEDEN WINS

Stockholm-Trent, Mar. 1. Sweden beat England by seven matches to two in the two-day European Zone Third Round match in the Thomas Cup Scandinavia Championship, which ended here tonight.—Reuter.

## JOHN SAVIDGE QUITS ATHLETICS



Here is John Savidge, 30-year-old holder of the British Shot Put record at 55ft. 4ins. who has retired from athletics. He has "signed on" as master-at-arms on one of the Australia-England Orient liners. He won the Amateur Athletic Association Shot Put title in 1952-53-54; won the Empire Games title in Vancouver, Canada, last year and was sixth in the European Championships.—Express Photo.

## Dao Shows His Fighting Qualities In Semi-Final Against Ip Koon-Hung

The defending Champion, Ip Koon-hung, played great tennis to eliminate K. C. Dao, this year's Harcourt Champion, in a Colony Grasscourt Championship semi-final yesterday. To Ip, it was more than just a match. With his victory over Dao he had the satisfaction of avenging his defeat by the same player in the Harcourt Championships recently concluded. He won 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 after 1 hour and 40 minutes of play.

The Ip-Dao encounter was a match that gave the 100-odd paying crowd its money's worth. Dao, a stamina-packed player, gave Ip Koon-hung a good run around, often troubling and sometimes bewildering him with his immaculate returns on both fore and backhand. And though not really in the same class as the Champion in grasscourt tennis, Dao showed what a fighter he is.

The defending Champion, though hard pressed throughout by his opponent, showed he was the master of the situation, particularly in the third set when he often left Dao standing with his beautiful net-skimming shots and high lobs to the baseline.

A feature of the match were Ip's "bids," service aces down the middle, his deep devastating drives down either corner of the court, his powerful and yet controlled and delicate half-volleys.

Dao delighted the crowd with his remarkable retrieving. He had the gallery roaring with laughter with his "about face" returns when caught on the wrong foot.

A highlight was a rally for set point in the second set in which Ip, on the forehand court, kept Dao on the run with cross drives alternated with down-the-line lobs to win the point after seven exchanges when Dao was out with a desperate drive. This gave Ip a two set lead.

The clock pointed to 4.30 when Ip, who won the loss, served. Ip took the first game without much effort but in the next Dao rallied strongly, matching the Champion stroke for stroke, to even the score.

Without let-up in his attack, Ip took the next three games in

a row with crisp chops and forceful cross court drives that had Dao running all over

## WARMED UP

The Harcourt Champion, warmed up to the fray at this stage, returned compliments by forcing Ip into errors at the net. It was 5-3 in favour of Ip when Dao lost his touch and the first set at 6-3.

The second set was a thriller throughout. There were several long rallies interspersed with sharp volleys by both players. Ip took the first two games but in the third, an over-balanced shot by the Champion at 40-30 saw Dao forcing a deuce and then taking the score to 1-2.

Ip went ahead again in the fourth game and just when it appeared that he would win the set at his leisure, Dao staged a remarkable rally to reel off the next three games for his first lead in the match.

As it turned out Dao's 4-3 lead was only temporary. The Champion, with his precocious one set lead threatened, quickly took the eighth game without any preamble, lost the ninth and in the 10th, at 30-40, forced a deuce to take set for a two-set lead.

The fighting qualities of K. C. Dao really showed up in the third and last set. Trailing 0-2 after only five minutes' play, Dao practically swept Ip off the court with his fore and backhand drives to make it two games each. The same pattern of attack gave Dao the fifth game.

A change of racket seemed to bring Ip luck at this stage. In five strokes Ip levelled the score and won the seventh game before Dao stopped him with a sustained rally to level the score at 4-4.

The beginning of the end was in sight at this stage. Ip, requiring only two more games, went all out and it was no surprise to the crowd when he won set and match, the last game to love.

Ip Koon-hung will meet the winner of the Tsui Yun-pui and Edwin Tai semi-final encounter which is scheduled for today.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Singles Semi-Final: Ip Koon-hung beat K. C. Dao 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

## Moore Starts Fistic Drive

New York, Mar. 1. Lightweight Champion Archie Moore shifted today from a verbal campaign to a fistic drive for a shot at the heavyweight crown.

Manager Charlie Johnston announced four non-title fights against heavyweights for veteran Archie during March and April.

Johnston said, "We believe Moore will get the May shot at Marciano, in San Francisco although Don Cockrell of England has been signed for that title fight. Announcement of the Marciano-Cockrell fight was slightly regarded. Cockrell may still lose out."

Moore has not fought since August 11, when he kept his 175-pound crown on a 14th-round knockout over Harold Johnson. In the interim he has been campaigning in the press for a shot at Marciano.—United Press.

## HOSPITALS' CUP

London, Mar. 1. St. Mary's Hospital beat Midsex Hospital by 11 points to five in their Hospitals' Cup, second round match at Richmond today. St. Mary's now meet Guy's Hospital in the Semi-Final next Tuesday, March 8.—Reuter.

## RAF Meet Police Today In The Pentangular

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon the final match this season in the Pentangular Tournament will take place on the Police Recreation ground at Boundary Street when the RAF, at the moment the Pentangular runners-up, meet the Police at 4.30 p.m.

The Police will once again have the services of Moss, but only after he will already have taken part in a soccer game. Therefore, to offset his expected tiredness, they are playing him in the full back position to begin with.

Should he find he is able to stand the pace he will be switched to centre alongside Marsh, and Scott will move into the fly half berth with Brown dropping back to full back.

In either case the Police three will be almost at their maximum strength and should, once they get going, take a lot of stopping. The Police pack, while almost as strong as usual, is today without the services of Mynner as hooker, and Dunncliffe will take his place.

This should not greatly affect the result of the set scrums as Sleeman was expected to out-hook Mynner in any case. In the lineouts both Perry and Shelley will have their work cut out as they try to overcome Lamb and Griffiths, and in this connection the RAF should get the lion's share of the ball.

In the RAF pack the only change is Davies at wing forward in place of Woolf, but behind the scrum there has been quite a bit of rearrangement. Moore goes from centre to the wing, and McGarrity moves back to his more normal position of fly half.

Both these switches are made so that Davies and Fraser may come into the three line thus giving the Airmen a greater attacking power.

## SHOULD FIT BETTER

While the Airmen may not be as fast individually as their opposing three, such as Moss and Marsh, they should fit together better, and pass more smartly than do the Police at present, and seeing plenty of the ball should win this game for the RAF.

It will, however, be remembered that the last time these two teams met the Airmen, though they eventually won, had a terrific struggle to do so and the addition of Moss to the attack of the Police might make the difference.

The RAF are, if anything, fitter than the Police and should win the pace battle, and will probably do most of their scoring in the last ten or fifteen minutes.

All in all a good hard and fast game promised to write "fists" to the Pentangular.

## HOW THEY STAND

Before these teams go into the arena here is how they stand:

Army	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RAF	8	0	0	12	31	10	10
Navy	8	3	1	4	43	7	10
Club	8	3	0	5	38	7	6
Police	7	1	0	6	20	8	2

## THE TEAMS

Police: Moss, Nash, Marsh, Scott, Stevens, Brown, Liffitt, Harris, Dunncliffe, Long, Perry, Shelley, Dawson, Carpenter, Bryan.

RAF: Logan, Gammon, Dark, Fraser, Moore, McGarrity, Tully.

## World Ice Hockey Championship

Bonn, Mar. 1. Canada headed the world ice hockey championships with a goal edge over the Soviet Union without either team playing tonight.

The fifth round was fought out by teams well down the list and the results had no chance of upsetting the leading teams.

Czechoslovakia defeated Sweden by 6 goals to 5 at Cologne, Germany beat Finland by 7 goals to 1 at Karlsruhe and Switzerland beat Poland by 4 goals to 2 at Cologne.—France Press.

## FINALISTS FOR JUNIOR FOIL TITLE

A feature of the Junior Foil Championship held at the European YMCA last night was the fine form shown by several fencers who have only been fencing three or four months. Of the six finalists three were competing in their first fencing competition against much more experienced opponents. Outstanding was K. W. Yeung of the Hongkong Police who improved with every fight and ended by heading his semi-final pool. P. Marcell of the Hongkong Sword Club and R. Peach of the Army also did well in their first competition.

The standard of fencing was not as high as expected and many fencers spoiled their chances by continually using the stop-hits instead of parry and riposte. Reuben Lynn and Lam Si Lap two of the most promising Chinese fencers in the Colony threw away several fights in this way. As a result Lynn did not qualify for the final and Lam Si Lap only did so on a count of hits.

Hung Hak To was fencing extremely well and is a favourite to win the title, but the six finalists are all evenly matched and a prediction in the finals is difficult to predict.

The Hongkong Amateur Fencing Association were assisted in judging of the contest by several members of the Army Physical Training Corps, and the standard of judging was much higher than usual. Under Major George Brower, S. S. I. Phillips and P. G. Williams, three capable presidents, the organization of the preliminary rounds went very smoothly. Details are as follows:

## RESULTS

First Round  
Pool 1. Chan Sion—3 wins; Sgt. Forbes—4 wins; B. Knight—3 wins; G. Martin—2 wins; Wong Ping King—1 win; Peterson—0 wins.  
Pool 2. Chung Sun Sang—3 wins; K. W. Yeung—2 wins; R. Peach—2 wins; Wong Lay—2 wins; D. Wakeman—2 wins; Woods—0 wins.

Second Round  
Pool 3. Reuben Lynn—0 wins; P. Marcell—4 wins; Louis Shen—3 wins; S. S. I. Phillips—2 wins; F. K. Lau—1 win; Barrege; Shen beat Burgess.  
Pool 4. Yeung—3 wins; Sgt. Wainwright—2 wins; Carter—1 win; Schickel—0 wins.

Pool 5. Lam Si Lap—0 wins; D. Taylor—3 wins; D. Carrott—3 wins; Dun Hap Lun—3 wins; Barnes—2 wins; Stillwell—0 wins.

Pool 6. Chan Sion—5 wins; K. W. Yeung—3 wins; R. Peach—3 wins; Chung Sun Sang—2 wins; B. Knight—2 wins; Sgt. Forbes—0 wins.

Semi-Finals  
Pool 7. 1st K. W. Yeung (HK Police)—1 win; 2nd Lam Si Lap (C.F.C.)—1 win; 3rd H. K. S. (C.F.C.)—1 win; 4th H. K. S. (C.F.C.)—1 win; 5th H. K. S. (C.F.C.)—1 win; 6th H. K. S. (C.F.C.)—1 win; 7th H. K. S. (C.F.C.)—1 win; 8th H. K. S. (C.F.C.)—1 win.

Promotion was determined on hits against the Barrege, was defeated by Yeung.

Pool 8. 1st Hung Hak To (C.F.C.)—4 wins; 2nd Chan Sion (C.F.C.)—3 wins; 3rd P. Marcell (H.K. Sword Club)—2 wins; 4th Louis Shen (C.F.C.)—2 wins; 5th Sgt. Wainwright (Army)—1 win; 6th D. Carrott (Police)—1 win.

Barrege; P. Marcell beat Louis Shen 5-3.

The following, therefore, qualify for the final to be held on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the Boy's Scouts H.Q., Cox's Road, Kowloon.

Hung Hak To (C.F.C.); Chan Sion (C.F.C.); P. Marcell (H.K. Sword Club); K. W. Yeung (H.K. Police); Lam Si Lap (C.F.C.); R. Peach (Army).



A. ROMARY'S HONEY BAKE BISCUITS

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Once again the Spot of Honour is a little crowded but I am sure that there will be few quibbles at the selection of the Pongkong Army hockey team to fill this week's top spot in the Sports Parade.

The fine play of our representatives in Singapore has brought much satisfaction to hockey fans in the Colony and the congratulations of the Tommy Atkins Column go to the team on its outstanding success.

Just to keep the record correct let me remind you that the Hongkong side defeated Singapore 5-1 and Malaya 8-1 to win the FARELF District Championship.

Nine of the players (not 10 as previously reported) were selected to represent FARELF against a Malaya Indian Selection. Sgt. Tribe (14th Ed. Regt RA), the Hongkong goalkeeper, was admitted to hospital before the first game took place and his position was filled by Bds. Surridge (1st N. Staffs).

The two positions in the FARELF side that were not filled by Hongkong players were goalkeeper and right-back.

#### IMPORTANT OCCASION

The defeat of a Champion is always an important occasion in any sporting competition and the news that the present holder of the Golf Championship, Major Elrick, has been knocked out of the 1955 tournament means that a new name will go into the list of champions.

Playing against Capt. Kennedy, whom he beat on his way to the title last year, Major Elrick was roundly beaten 5 and 4. This particular match was the subject of plenty of banter which was going on long before the first tee was reached and according to reliable reports it looks like continuing for some time as far as the loser is concerned.

#### WHY QUIBBLE?

The Army Soccer Referees will hold their regular monthly meeting at the NAAFI club, Chatham Road, on Saturday at 10 a.m. The work of this association has been favourably commented upon several times this season and there is no doubt that it is doing a great deal of important work in encouraging young referees and giving them an opportunity to gain experience with the whistle.

One feature of their meetings during the season is that attendances have gone up and up and the committee look forward to another record gathering on this occasion.

While I am on the subject of soccer referees there seems to be some surprise at the allocation of the Spot of Honour to Referee Stanley Lee. One attitude seems to be that he is not in the Army... but he is a civilian attached to the Army and he takes a most active part in Army refereeing activities. I feel that he was fully qualified for the 'Top of the Parade' spot.

#### WELL CATERED FOR

Boring enthusiasts are well catered for this week. The first semi-final of the Land Forces Team Championship takes place at Beas Stables today when the much fancied competitors from the 1st Bn. King's Own Regt., cross gloves with the representatives from 1st Northampton.

The second semi-final, which brings together 1st N. Staffs and 1st Essex, will take place at Queen's Hill on Friday.

The big event in this tournament—the final—will take place at HQ 27 Inf. Bde. on Monday, March 7, and intending spectators are asked to note that boxing will start at 10.30 hrs.

This year sees the inauguration of the Land Forces Minor Units Hockey Cup. The new competition is open to units who competed in the Minor Units League.

The draw for the 1st Round is as follows:—

RHQ 27 HAA vs. 206 LAA Bty., RA.

6 COD vs. 6 HAA Bty., RA.

These games have to be played by March 7 and the following teams have received a bye into the second round:— 138 HAA Bty., Dist. Workshops, For East Farm Camp, 23 HAA Bty., 216 LAA Bty., and 33 General Hospital.

#### ATHLETIC MEETS

The final of the Minor Units Athletics Team Championships is going on at Boundary Street today, in fact competition started at 10.30 a.m. this morning. The following six teams are taking part:— 27 Lb. Bty. RA., HQ 46 Bde., 6 COD, 173 Loc. Bty. RA., Command Pay Office and HKCTU.

It will be noticed that there is one change in the list from

that which I gave last week but this is accounted for by the fact that Dist. Workshops were subsequently disqualified for a breach of the rules and the HKCTU have come into the final in their place.

The final stage of the Major Units Athletic Team Championship will take place at Boundary Street on Saturday, March 12, and the list of competitors is as published last week. Once again it will be necessary to make an early start and the first event is timed for 10.30 a.m.

There are now over 100 entries for the Individual Athletic Championships and it is interesting to hear that the heaviest entries are for the Three Miles (15) and the One Mile (14).

Judging by the present lists it will only be necessary to run eliminating heats in the 100, 220, and 440 Yards and in the One Mile events.

Two days have been set aside for the meeting. Preliminaries are scheduled for March 8 and the finals will be staged on March 10, and of course Boundary Street will be the venue on both dates.

#### TREBLE INTEREST

There will be treble interest in the docking of the troopship 'Georgie' on Friday.

Rugby enthusiasts will be there to welcome the members of the 1st Fiji Regt. who are arriving to fight out the final of the FARELF Rugby Championship, but they will, of course, take part in a short series of games against other sides in the Colony.

The victorious basketball side from 56 Company IASC will be assured of a big welcome when they disembark, bringing the FARELF Championship with them while hockey fans will no doubt be on hand to congratulate the members of the successful Land Forces team when they step ashore as FARELF Champions.

And now a word of special congratulations to the Army footballers who play in the various sections of the HKFA Leagues. REME did a magnificent job on Saturday when they defeated the strong Little Sai Wan side by 4 goals to 2.

A little later the same day the RAMC scored a meritorious victory over the popular Jardine's eleven by the narrow margin of 2-1... and of course the Army 'B' team set the Sunday pattern by overcoming Sing Tao by three clear goals... while over at Sookunpoo Army 'A' struggled to a two-nil success against the Royal Air Force.

#### FARELF FINAL

The final of the FARELF Rugby Championship between 72 LAA Regt. RA, and 1st Fiji Infantry Regt. will be played at the Club Stadium on Friday, March 11, at 4 o'clock.

The Land Forces Rugby Committee has made excellent arrangements for the staging of this match and a fleet of vehicles will be in operation to convey spectators from New Queen's Pier to Happy Valley and to return them to the Pier after the game is over.

Admission to the Stadium will cost \$1.20 and the Rugby Committee hopes that a big crowd will turn up to see this show game of the season.

#### U.S. THOMAS CUP TEAM

San Diego, Mar. 1. The selection of 20-year-old Bill Berry of San Diego as the sixth member of the United States Thomas Cup badminton team was made known in a telegram received here today from the Cup Committee Chairman.

Other members of the team which will meet Canada in the American Zone Final in Winnipeg on March 11 and 12 are: Joe Aislin, Robert Williams, R. V. Rogers, Dick Mitchell and A. Loveday. These are all veterans but it will be Berry's first appearance. The winners of the American Zone will go to the Cup final in Singapore—Bourke.

#### Richard Baerlein visits SIR GORDON RICHARDS

## The new master builds the new Beckhampton on the old lines

The new Beckhampton stable being built by Sir Gordon Richards from scratch contains much in principle that was embodied in the most famous days of Beckhampton under the late Fred Darling.

As a trainer Fred Darling was an outstanding as Sir Gordon as a jockey.

Often I have heard Sir Gordon say: "I did not work for 25 years with Fred Darling for nothing." To illustrate some point of importance.

During these years Sir Gordon had obviously been watching and noting everything Darling did however unimportant it may have seemed.

Sir Gordon has only half the Beckhampton stabling—the Upper Yard built by Darling in 1926, where there is now accommodation for 36 horses.

Mr. Jeremy Tree is building a fine string in the other half chiefly with home-bred horses.

The other great difference between Sir Gordon and Darling is the supply of horses to go into training.

#### BEST STUDS

Darling drew his yearlings annually from the best studs in the country.

Everyone was classically bred and personally inspected before it entered.

For nearly 30 years Sir Gordon rode these horses yet not one of those patrons has sent him a horse to train.

Sir Gordon is the first to acknowledge that there is a peculiar prejudice that jockeys do not make top-class trainers.

Think Harry Wragg, Sir Gordon and others will prove that untrue.

Sir Gordon's main owners Mr. Basil Mayrover, Mr. Stavros Niarchos and Mr. J. R. Mullon are all considering building studs on lines similar to those which kept Beckhampton supplied in the past.

#### REPAIRED

Since Christmas, Miss Dorothy Paget has joined the stable, and with 10 yearlings there already is numerically the strongest owner.

Before a horse ever entered the Richards stables the whole place was repaired and painted.

Then the staff began to arrive. Sir Gordon had noticed and been impressed by Morgan Scannell, when he was a Beckhampton stable lad. He "did" two of Sir Gordon's favourite

horses, Myrobella and Big Game, and long ago Scannell was promised the job of head man when he took up training.

#### WON FORTUNE

Scannell was only a 5st. apprentice when he "did" the grey Tetramus, who was trained by H. S. Perse.

Just before going to Beckhampton Scannell looked after the famous mare, Verdier, over whom a fortune was won in the Cambridgeshire.

Sir Gordon next took on Jack Blake, who has been breaking yearlings at Beckhampton for 40 years. He broke Manna Goranach, Cameronian, Captain Cattle, Owen Tudor and other famous Beckhampton horses.

Blake likes horses to fight him when he first puts the lack on them for he says it shows courage. When I asked him the hardest horse he ever had to break he unhesitatingly named Combat.

#### UNBEATEN

"He took me and the governor (Fred Darling) a mile down the Bath road before we turned him."

Combat was unbeaten on the racetrack. Jack has broken most of the present string and his favourite is Mr. J. R. Mullon's Ungava, a d Arctic Prince.

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"Tishy" Morgan, who has been working in the building trade was another of Darling's famous team who left when Darling retired. He is travelling back now as second head man.

"Sparro" Gibbons came back, too, and Ted Chulla has been appointed travelling head man.

#### LUCKY?

While he was picking his horses, Sir Gordon was also choosing his apprentices—10 of them.

Fifteen-year-old Bobby Elliott came from a Yorkshire farm, where he was the only rider in the stable.

Sir Gordon told Elliott: "I entered my first stable on New Year's Day and you can, do the same. It may be lucky."

A new Beckhampton is rising fashioned on the old. No higher compliment can be paid.

(London Express Service)



Here is Sir Gordon with his 10 apprentices at Beckhampton: Left to right, Ivan Jackson, Jimmy Mathieson, Ronald Williams, Bobby Elliott, Percy Medley, Malcolm Downes, Paul Gray, Brian Hitcham, Kneeling are Tony Orange and Patrick Gill.

#### SIR GORDON WITH HIS APPRENTICES

#### Sports Diary

##### TODAY

Tennis  
Colony Singles (Semi-final) at HKCC 4.30 p.m.  
Fencing  
Colony Junior Championships (Saber) Prelim at YMCA 8.45 p.m.

##### TOMORROW

Tennis  
Colony Doubles (Semi-finals) at HKCC 4.30 p.m.  
Boxing  
King's Own Regt v Northamptonshire at Beas Stables NT.  
Inter-school Meet at Sookunpoo 2 p.m.  
Badminton  
Senior Mixed: Recreation v YMCA: HKU v CCC.

##### FRIDAY

Sports  
St Paul's College Annual Athletics at SCAA 9 a.m.  
Badminton  
Recreation v CCC: CYMCA v CYMCA (Men's) at Ed. Dept. 8.15 p.m.  
Fencing  
Junior Foli (Final) Boys Scouts HQ, Cox's Path Kowloon 7.30 p.m.  
Tennis  
Colony Championships at HKCC. Meetings  
HKAAA Exec Cites at Ed. Dept. 8.15 p.m.

#### Title Fight For Humez

New York, Mar. 1. Charles Humez, French and European Middleweight boxing champion, will be given a match against Carl (Bobo) Olson for the World Middleweight boxing title as a result of the Frenchman's decisive win over Pierre Langlois in Paris last night, it was stated here today.

The assurance was given by Mr. Harry Markson, Managing Director of the International Boxing Club, Chief Promoter of world title fights in the United States.

The referee stopped the Humez-Langlois fight last night in the fifth round when Humez was giving his fellow countryman a severe battering. It was a Non-Title fight over ten rounds.

Langlois was recently beaten by Olson in a fight for the World Middleweight Championship.

"We are considering matching the two for this summer," said Mr. Markson. "It could be in May, June or July."

He added that Olson had a Non-Title fight with Joey Maxim of San Francisco on April 12 and Olson's Manager, Sid Finkler, would have to be consulted.

"Even before Humez beat Langlois we had him in mind," Mr. Markson said. "We sold Humez Manager that while we thought his fighter deserved recognition for a title fight he would have a better chance if he met Langlois and won decisively."

"He did that last night. That certainly makes him the Number one man for the title fight in our opinion. We will start negotiations soon."

Mr. Markson's statement followed those of Humez and his Manager in Paris that they were eager for a match with Olson.

A report from Paris tonight said that last night's fight at the Palais Des Sports brought in a record sum of 80,000,000 Francs (\$20,000).

The previous record was 55,000,000 Francs (\$13,750,000) for the Robinson-Vallentin fight on December 11, 1950—Bourke.

#### THOMAS CUP PLAYERS TO UNDERGO PT

Lengthy discussion over the selection and training of players to represent the Colony in the Thomas Cup tie against India ensued at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Badminton Association yesterday. Dr. the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues was in the chair.

Mr. W. B. Brown suggested that more time be allotted to the training of potential players from which the final selection will be made, but it was pointed out that with the necessity for visas to be taken out for those eventually selected, time was short.

The meeting agreed to the necessity for strict training, with the emphasis laid on physical exercise for building up stamina.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to write to the Hongkong Football Club for the use of their ground for the carrying out of physical training.

A tentative list of players who will be considered for selection has already been chosen, and the final composition of the team will be announced on March 21.

A Sub-Committee of Five was also appointed to go into the finances involved in sending a team to India.

The Chairman announced that Mr. David Kwok, who had been nominated as one of the selectors, had declined to serve, and Mr. K. Soares had been nominated in his place.

#### SUPPER DANCE

A Supper Dance is to be held at the Club Laislano on March 26 to raise funds to send the team overseas. Tickets are at \$20 per couple and \$10 single. A souvenir programme is being prepared and there will be a draw for attractive prizes during the evening. The function commences at 8 p.m.

The meeting also invited entries for the Colony Senior and Junior Championships. Entries are to be sent to Mr. M. A. Oliveira, c/o Current Accounts Department, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and will close on March 21. Junior games will commence first but the senior games will not start until the return of the Hongkong Thomas Cup team.

A newly designed Hongkong Badminton Association badge was shown to members at last night's Executive Committee meeting and approved. It will be available to all affiliated players and Association officials at a cost of \$2 each.

Among those present at the meeting were Dr. Rodrigues (Chairman), Mr. Ramon Young (Hon. Secretary), Mr. M. A. Oliveira, Mr. W. B. Brown, Mr. J. B. Fong, Mr. L. M. (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. J. K. Leong, Mr. H. Barrow and Mr. P. A. A.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Alexandra House, 8th Floor, on Tuesday, 22nd March 1955 at 5.30 p.m. to receive the Report of the Committee for the year ended 31st December 1954 and to approve the Accounts and to transact such other business as may be necessary according to the Constitution of the Society.

By Order of the Executive Committee,  
Mrs. D. M. HALLIGAN,  
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Hongkong, 1st March, 1955.

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# LONG LEGAL FIGHT FOR FORTUNE

Haarlem, The Netherlands, Mar. 1.  
Everyone named Taylor, Teylor or Tailor may join one of the many "associations of heirs" in various lands who lay claim to the fortune left by Pieter Teylor van der Hylst, a fabulous rich silk merchant who died here in 1778.

Its value in present-day terms is estimated at 650,000,000 guilders (about HK\$1,040,000,000). There are about 600 to 700 claimants in Holland alone, organised in a national federation of local associations, and many others abroad, notably in Britain and Germany.

Countless battles have already been fought in the courts by these groups of "heirs" unsuccessfully. But the issue, with its flavour of a treasure hunt, remains very much alive.

## NEW ASSOCIATION

Already this year at least one new association has been founded. A meeting at Rotterdam in mid-January brought an attendance of 150, and over one-third of them enrolled on the spot as members.

The merchant, Pieter Teylor, wrote his 20-page will on parchment in a clear and even hand. It lies in the municipal archives of Haarlem.

It is he directed that his silk factory, his park, stables, horses and carriages were to be sold. Most of the assets, the residue after the payment of a large number of specific bequests, were to go towards a foundation to be managed by five men as executors and trustees. Each was to get a salary of 1,000 florins a year.

The house in the Damstraat by the River Spaarne was to remain perpetually as it was at the time of his death, complete with library and collection of medals, drawings and engravings.

The collections were not to be broken up—indeed, the Foundation's five trustees were charged to enlarge and if possible complete them.

## NAMED FIRST

To assist the trustees, a painter or other expert in arts and sciences has always to live in the house. Teylor named the first of these artists, and directed that he should receive an annual salary of 800 florins together with free rent and specified allowances.

The result of these provisions is the well-known Teylor Museum with its valuable collection of paintings, books, coins, medals and natural history exhibits.

But the main legal issue concerns his legacy of 100,000 florins to his nearest friends from Mother's husband.

Here a certain Catherine Othoff, an aunt of Pieter Teylor on his mother's side, had a long part to play. She claimed the 100,000 florins for herself. She did not see the money in her own lifetime since she died in 1780, but her heirs took the claim to the High Court, which awarded them the money in 1786, together with 38,991 florins in accumulated interest. But the matter did not end there. Catherine's heirs discovered in her will a second claim of 100,000 florins on the Teylor estate. This sum, Catherine's will said, Teylor had promised to pay the heirs from his mother's side after a lapse of 100 years.

So, in 1895-96, Catherine Othoff's descendants made renewed efforts to obtain the Teylor inheritance. They claimed that they were entitled not only to the second 100,000 florins but also to the rest of Teylor's millions vested in the Teylor Foundation.

Apart from the Othoff heirs, the direct descendants of Teylor were also advancing their

claims. They disputed the will, one of their arguments being that the solicitor who presided at the signature of the will, a certain Nicolaas Galle, was under age and therefore the will was null and void.

Thus, they argued, the Foundation should be liquidated and the money distributed to his rightful heirs and descendants.

Even Bismarck, the German "Iron Chancellor," was drawn into the affair in 1876, under pressure from claimants and the Press, he ordered the German Consul in Amsterdam to have investigations made by three prominent Dutch lawyers.

After thorough investigation these experts pronounced in a long statement: "Not a single legal reason came to our knowledge which might lead to the desired result of a new lawsuit being instituted. No reason can be found for compelling the Teylor Foundation to pay any amount to acknowledged or presumed heirs of Pieter Teylor van der Hylst."

## STILL SUBSCRIBE

Far from abandoning hope, however, claimants still subscribe towards the cost of instituting new litigation.

Newspaper advertisements call upon anyone who believes that he has a claim on the Teylor millions to step forward and join the campaign.—China Mail Special.

# The Pope Returns To His Duties



## PIER ANGELI IN CRASH

Palm Springs, Mar. 1.  
Pier Angeli, Italian actress who recently became the bride of singer Vic Damone, suffered a broken pelvis when she was hurt while on an aeroplane flight last week, doctors disclosed today.

The actress is an expectant mother, but doctors said it would be a day or two before they determine whether she would lose her baby. She is expected to be in hospital for at least a month.

Miss Angeli fell when the plane encountered rough flying conditions on the short hop from here to Hollywood. At first her injuries were diagnosed as cuts and bruises but she was taken to hospital as a precautionary measure because of her impending motherhood.

"Later examination disclosed the other injuries," said Damone. "Pier is cheerful but naturally she worried a little."—United Press.

## S. Vietnam Can Be Held Says Casey

Singapore, Mar. 1.  
The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Richard Casey, said here today that he was confident that South Vietnam could be held against the Communists.

Mr. Casey, who arrived from Bangkok after attending the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation conference, stated that he found the situation in South Vietnam "much better than we had expected."

Before attending the SEATO talks, Mr. Casey made an extended tour of the three Associated States of Indo-China. He said he had had "important discussions" with Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and other officials of the South Vietnamese Government.

Referring to the SEATO Conference, Mr. Casey also said the meeting "did everything possible for a first council to do."

He leaves tomorrow for Borneo for a short visit before returning home.—France-Press.

## Smooth Banknote Operation

London, Mar. 1.  
New Communist Chinese banknotes "moved smoothly into circulation" when they were issued today for the first time, Peking radio reported.

Foreign exchange rates recalculated in terms of the new currency remained unchanged, the radio said.

Under the new currency system, 10,000 old yuan will be equal to one of the new yuan.—Reuter.

# CORRUPTION WARNING IN PERSIA

## Civil Servants Told To Fight Evil

China Mail Special Writer

Teheran, Mar. 1.

The Persian Government has issued a flat warning to civil servants in 1955 the fight against corruption will be redoubled.

After national development schemes and the anti-Communist purge, the ridding of public life from corruption looms here as one of the major domestic issues.

The Shah, in a series of plain statements made throughout 1954, told his subjects that bribery and corruption were curses which had to be banished before Persian life could function well and win universal respect.

Now, General Fazlollah Zahedi, the Prime Minister, has set in motion a hand-picked anti-corruption team of inspectors who have his authority to poke through any Ministerial office on the lookout for illegal acts.

## WIN PUBLIC OVER

General Zahedi has sought to win the general public over to his campaign by promising big rewards for information which leads to the discovery of bribery. To civil servants themselves, he has offered rewards for such information equal to the bribes dangled before them.

It has been officially stressed that the great majority of Persian civil servants are honest and devoted, if somewhat poorly paid, workers.

That corruption exists is a secret, least of all to responsible Persians. For several months, his inherited problem has been aired in Parliament, in newspapers and at numerous meetings. To most officials, it is a painfully familiar theme. The only new thing now is that decisive action is to be taken against it.

Persians are born with the knowledge, and foreigners very soon acquire it, that the friendly exchange of a currency note

can oil the wheels of administration to good effect.

Visitors have to obey several regulations, one of them being that a pass must be issued by police and army authorities jointly before Teheran can be left to visit another part of Persia. It may take four or five days to acquire such a pass. It has sometimes happened that a judicious sprinkling of "tips" or "pourboires" as the French call them, has enabled the visitor to secure his pass and a seat in an aircraft within three hours.

What is now being called corruption in the Government service is considered as normal in private life.

## CHEATED ANYWAY

For centuries estate owners and merchants have consciously underpaid their workers by at least 10 per cent, knowing that they will cheat them mildly anyway. Salaries are still fixed on this basis today where domestic servants are concerned.

The lack, or rejection, of absolute standards in money matters is also seen in the bargaining habit, which is strong in Persia and throughout the Middle East.

One old hand here explained: "The shopkeeper asks you what he thinks you can pay—not what the article is worth. If you have a new sword, on you pay more. He knows that the next customer may be a poor man—who will not be able to pay as you do. To him it seems fair enough."

Many businessmen here, including foreigners if they have spent the night in Persia, are mildly astonished by talk of "bribery."

"Why should I not pay some poor fellow for helping me? He gets little enough as it is—certainly not enough to make him run around the Ministry on my affairs," remarked one of the business community.

"In contacts with Ministries, if I need something really badly, I use the open-drawer technique. I ask my favour. Then the top drawer of the desk is opened and the official leaves the room. I deposit my gift in the drawer—and everything is arranged. I am glad to pay for special service."

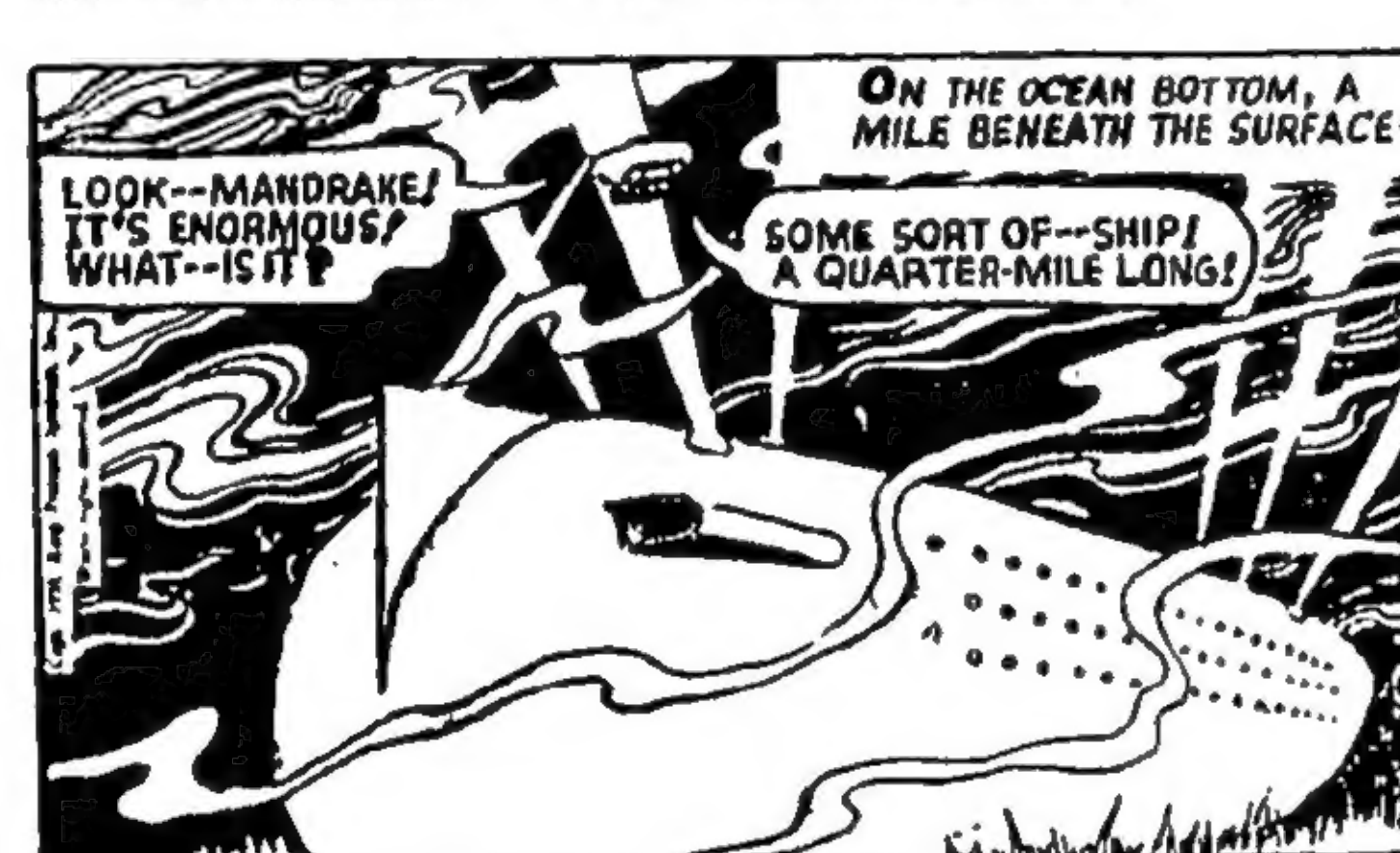
It appears to officials "with whom I discussed this problem that bribery, on small and large scale, cannot be abolished until at least three things are done:

1. The wages of civil servants must be improved. They get between 3,000 and 6,000 rials (HK\$240 to HK\$480) a month. Living costs have risen eight times since 1941 and this salary is inadequate to live on decently and maintain a family. Many of them have one or two other jobs which double their income. The more outside work they do, the less time they have to devote to their Government employment. It is sometimes happens only half an hour a day at his Government job. Many look upon their civil servant's salary as more in the nature of a subsidy—a kind of welfare relief for the educated classes—than for wages.

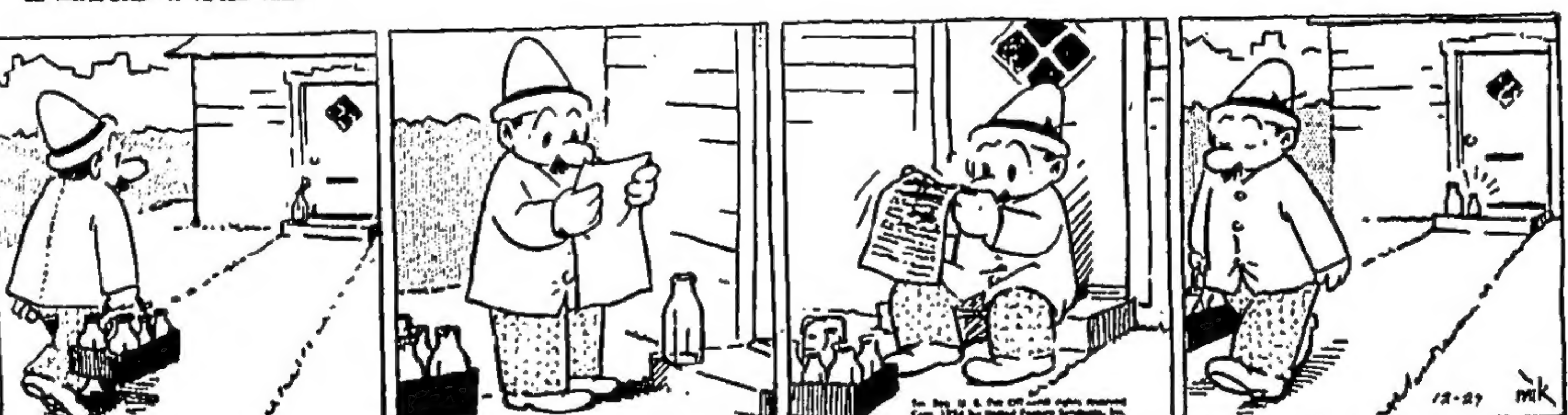
2. Widely outlets must be provided to absorb the educated, white-collar worker. In Persia about 200,000 men are civil servants. But there are full time jobs for only, probably, some 50,000. An expansion of industry and national services, especially education, health and law, would open up new administrative posts for these talented men who otherwise crowd into already overstaffed Government offices. But the expansion of industry and national services can only follow a general economic expansion and a rise in the standard of living—which is a long term project of perhaps 20 years.

3. The state taxation system must be overhauled and efficient methods of collection introduced. The present tax system, which is out-of-date—once newspaper described it as "medieval"—is one of the prime causes of bribery on a large scale. From this results not evasion of a large section of taxpayers in which corruption, although limited to a few, can flourish.

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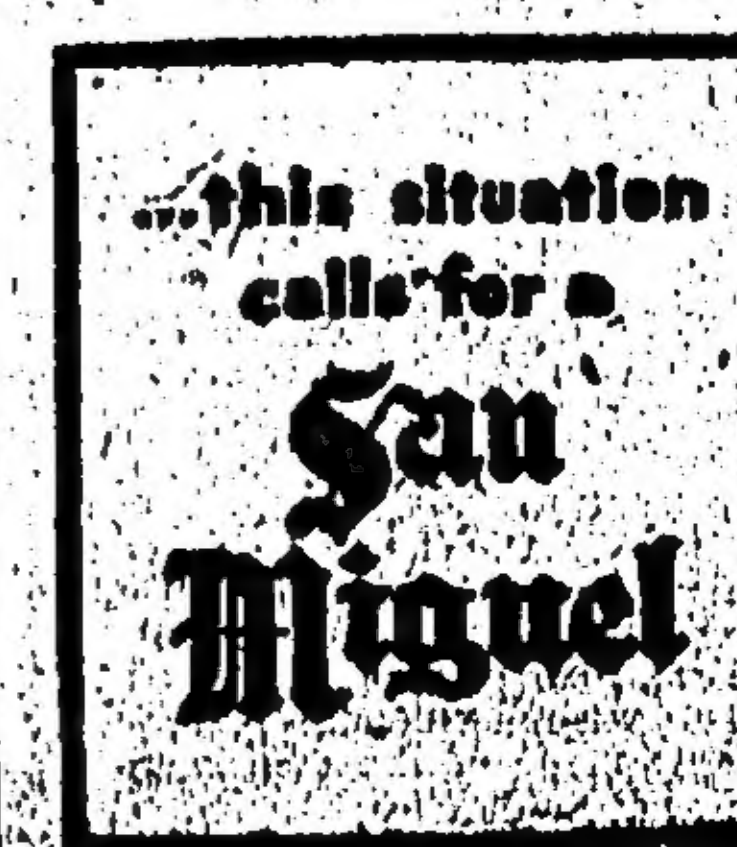
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